

## Unemployment up 84,000

# Bank defies demand for more base rate cuts

By ANATOLE KALETSKY AND ROBIN OAKLEY

THE Bank of England yesterday warned the government against hasty interest rate cuts to pull the economy out of recession, even though today's inflation figures will show a sharp drop.

With an 84,000 rise in unemployment and a 20 per cent fall in manufacturing output, the CBI, Labour and Conservative MPs united in a call for an immediate cut in the cost of borrowing. But the Bank issued its fourth warning in a week against such a move and indicated that rates should not go much lower.

John Major and other ministers have repeatedly hinted that rates would be cut once this was justified by the expected sharp falls in inflation. The Retail Prices Index will today show a drop of about two points from 8.4 per cent, but yesterday's comments in the Bank's quarterly bulletin appeared to rule out any easing of monetary policy.

They also suggested that the Bank would be against the kind of steep cuts - to 10 per cent or less - that many Conservative backbenchers feel are warranted economically and necessary to restore their political fortunes.

The Bank said the effects of the four cuts this year had yet to be seen and underlying inflation was still giving serious concern, even though the headline rate will drop to around 6 per cent today. "There is a need for considerable caution over the pace of any further decline in interest rates," the bulletin said.

Yesterday's comments were the latest in a series by the Bank designed to quell excessive expectations in the City, Westminster and the business community. Last week, Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the governor, warned against seeing a "false dawn" when the inflation figures are published this morning. Later in the week, the Bank sent a message to the money markets suggesting that no interest rate cut was likely before the end of next week, and on Tuesday Mr Leigh-Pemberton condemned the "siren voices" who wanted central banks to stimulate growth.

These statements worried some sections of the cabinet and Conservative party, but they seemed to carry the endorsement of Norman Lamont and the Treasury. But other ministers, led by Chris

Patten and Kenneth Baker, are known to believe that continuing the "hair-shirt" policy would not only be politically dangerous, but also economically damaging.

The Confederation of British Industry repeated yesterday that delaying an easing of policy was more dangerous than interest rate cuts. John Bannham, the director-general, said: "This is not the siren voice of business wishing to take risks with inflation. Higher-than-necessary interest rates are now firmly part of the major economic problem - lack of confidence." John Smith, the shadow chancellor, said a one-point cut was vital to have an impact on the recession.

The continuing effects of the recession on jobs were demonstrated yesterday with unemployment rising to 2,175,000. The employment secretary, Michael Howard, told his cabinet colleagues yesterday that the figure would continue to rise even after economic recovery was established, and Mr Lamont shocked his political opponents by declaring in the Commons that rising unemployment and recession were "a price well worth paying" to get inflation down.

Neil Kinnock later told Mr Major: "Since you have been prime minister, 3,000 people have lost their jobs every working day. Output is down and investment has plummeted by 20 per cent over the year. When your policies are responsible for causing this huge damage and you have no answers and no policies to get out of it, it is time you went."

Mr Major replied that the only way to create and keep more jobs was to keep inflation low and there were "clear signs of success" in that battle.

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FAMILIES in two villages were told to stay in their homes and those in outlying farms were evacuated after a derailed fuel train exploded early yesterday morning (Lin Jenkins writes). Fire crews from three counties fought the blaze near Bradford-on-Tone, Somerset, using every available foam unit for fighting oil fires from within an 80-mile radius to prevent undamaged sections of the 22-wagon train exploding. Speed restrictions were brought into force on the M5, and rail services to the West Country were seriously disrupted. Normal services are not expected to resume until Monday morning. Tons of fuel seeped in to drains and waterways, but widespread pollution was avoided by the National Rivers Authority, who put a boom out on a tributary to the river Tone to trap the fuel, and used pumps to replace oxygen in the water. Initial investigations suggested that axle failure was to blame for the derailment of the Gulf oil freight train, which was travelling from Milford Haven. Dyfed, to Heathfield, Devon, loaded with 660 tons of petrol, diesel and other fuels. A full enquiry has been launched. After the crash, near a level crossing, the driver uncoupled his locomotive and drove half a mile down the line to raise the alarm.

## Queen reassures US on Europe

FROM PETER STOTHARD, US EDITOR, IN WASHINGTON

THE Queen told the United States Congress yesterday that greater cohesion in Europe must not be accompanied by the "enticements of insularity".

In her address, prepared by Downing Street and the Foreign Office, the Queen sought to calm growing American fears about the threat of protectionism from a "Fortress Europe" after 1992. Administration officials welcomed the formal affirmation, contained in the first address by a British monarch to a joint meeting of the Senate and the House of Representatives, that Britain's prime concern for the new Europe was that it should be "open and liberal and work in growing harmony with the United States".

The White House continued its struggle yesterday to gain congressional assent next week for the so-called "fast track authority" to negotiate a way out of the troubled Uruguay Round of the Gatt. The administration fears that with-

out further flexibility in Europe, the latest round in the international process towards free trade will fail and the new Europe will turn increasingly protectionist against America. The Queen said that Europe must not be "enticed into a form of continental insularity" as a result of "the growing movement towards greater cohesion in Europe". She spoke of "radical evolution" in the politics and economics of European nations but pointed out that all our history in this and earlier centuries showed how "the best progress is made when Europeans and Americans act in concert".

She saluted "the outstanding leadership" of President Bush in the Gulf war, a section of the speech which is likely to become a familiar "sound-bite" before the 1992 election campaign is over. She also referred to the post-war problems, saying that "great enterprises seldom end with a tidy and satisfactory flourish".

She spoke of the twin needs for stability and the management of change, expressing the hope that British and American attitudes to racial tolerance could spread to regions where that message has yet to be absorbed. The Queen has impressed Washingtonians with her clear interest and understanding of the country's racial problems.

She arrived on Capitol Hill in the middle of a hot and hectic third day of her state visit. She began with a wry comment on the height of the White House podium, which made her arrival speech on Tuesday appear to be delivered by her hat. "I do hope you can see me today," she said, to laughter from Vice-President Dan Quayle and the rest of her audience, which interrupted the short address nine times with applause.

Earlier she had attended Washington's Shakespeare theatre to watch a children's performance of *The Taming of the Shrew* and a professional performance from Continued on page 24, col 5

## Pharaoh's chariots decay in Cairo

King Tutankhamun's curse appears to have fallen on his own treasures, writes Christopher Walker

HAVING survived more than three millennia in the pharaoh's tomb at Luxor, King Tutankhamun's golden chariots are now losing the battle against the ravages of the 20th century as chips of wood and paint flake and fall to the floor of their outdated display case in the Cairo Antiquities Museum.

Similar decay is affecting the tall canopic shrine that held the pharaoh's internal organs and the delicate, ostrich-plume fan he used to cool himself in the hot summer months. It is shrinking. "You cannot move it, or even spray it," Muhammad Saleh, Egypt's director of museums and exhibitions, said. "It would disintegrate."

The Egyptian government is seeking a new home for the thousands of pharaonic treasures that are crammed into the inhospitable surroundings of the polluted museum. Although the rose-coloured building retains its turn-of-the-century elegance, it has become what one Egyptologist described as a "wrecker's yard" for the 120,000 catalogued objects, 44,000 of which are on display.

The electrical system is broken, the roof leaks, and there is no humidity control - so windows are thrown open, letting in the sun and exhaust fumes. When the museum opened in 1902, it stood close to the Nile in one of Cairo's quietest districts. Today, the area has become a traffic planner's nightmare, and the building has internal Continued on page 24, col 2

## Briton tried in Iraq for spying

By DAVID WATTS, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

A BRITISH engineer, arrested while trying to escape from Iraq last September, has been put on trial for spying.

Douglas Brand was taken to court last Sunday from Abu Ghraib prison, west of Baghdad, for what was apparently the first session of his trial. The Foreign Office has been using the Soviet embassy in Baghdad to make consular visits to Mr Brand and Ian Richter, another Briton at the same jail. When Soviet diplomats last saw him at the end of April, he was well and the diplomat was able to pass on food and clothes from his family.

Britain has had no diplomatic relations with Iraq since the outbreak of the Gulf war, but has been pressing for the release of the jailed Britons. The matter was last brought up on April 29 when the allied military commission met the Iraqi military in southern Iraq.

When diplomats went to see both men last Sunday, Mr Brand, who had worked for an Iraqi engineering firm for some years, was absent. The Soviet embassy plans to visit Mr Brand again tomorrow. Spying carries the death penalty in Iraq. In March 1990, Farzad Bazoft, aged 31, an Iranian-born journalist who worked for the *Observer*, was

hanged after being convicted of spying for Israel.

Mr Richter was arrested in 1986 in an affair that led to the execution of the mayor of Baghdad for corruption. He was sentenced to life imprisonment on bribery charges in 1987 but has protested his innocence.

The Soviet diplomats report that the Iraqi authorities have been co-operative in allowing them to visit the two men. Mr Richter has his own cell, while Mr Brand is being held with three Egyptians in the remand wing. Both are allowed to wear their own clothes but they must be brown.

All post is read by the authorities, but there are no other restrictions. "Richter exercises every week by jogging in the prison yard and is studying for a degree in accountancy through a British correspondence school," one diplomat said.

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## Saunders sentence is halved

Ernest Saunders, the jailed former Guinness chairman, could be released on parole next month after serving just ten months of a five-year sentence imposed for his part in the Guinness affair of 1986.

Three appeal court judges yesterday cut his sentence in half after agreeing that the judge at his trial last year had passed too high a term. The sentence of fellow defendant Anthony Parnes was also cut.

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## Baker says initiative still alive

By OUR FOREIGN STAFF

JAMES Baker, the American Secretary of State, flew back to Washington yesterday insisting that his Middle East peace initiative was still alive despite five days of shuttle diplomacy which failed to persuade Israel and the Arab states to attend a proposed regional peace conference.

Mr Baker said that he was not disappointed as he believed he was still making progress on the two key issues: possible participation by the United Nations in the process and the reconvening of the conference with all the parties' consent.

However, progress appeared to have been blocked by Syria and Israel.

Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister, still refuses to accept participation by the United Nations while Syria insists on the UN playing a role. The government of President Assad in Damascus also sees the conference as a chance to force Israel to give up land captured during the 1967 war.

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Hello, goodbye: Edith Cresson, on her first full day as French prime minister yesterday, meeting her predecessor, Michel Rocard, at the Hôtel Matignon in Paris. Mme Cresson launched a strong attack on Japanese protectionism and called on Europe to fight back. Hopefuls pay court, page 14; Leading article, page 19

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## Just dreaming of a whole world of Hanson

By JOE JOSEPH

SO Lord Hanson has a strategic 2.82 per cent stake in ICI. What happens if he swallows the whole thing? His empire would not just be "a company from over here that is doing rather well over there". It would be doing so well everywhere that the British public could spend weeks eating, drinking, smoking, and wearing nothing but Hanson products.

After waking in our house made of London Brick (Hanson), sliding into the Jacuzzi (Hanson), taking an early lunch of a John Player (Hanson), promising ourselves to switch to Embassy (Hanson), smoothing our faces with a razor run on EverReady batteries (Hanson), and swallowing our daily Seven Seas vitamin tablets (Hanson), we might tune the wireless to London's Melody Radio (Hanson).

After our breakfast cereal (grown from ICI seeds), let us step into a swanky Paul Smith suit made of Tactel fibre (ICI). If we are women, let us slip on a pair of our favourite Pretty Polly or Aristocrat tights made of polyamide yarn (supplied by ICI).

Shall we type out that commissioned story on our trusty Smith Corona (Hanson)? What, so far before deadline? No, better to put it off for a while and tackle the greenfly on the roses with our Bug Gun (ICI), puff on a John Player (Hanson), promise ourselves to switch to Lambert & Butler (Hanson), and wonder whether to paint the study with another coat of Dulux (ICI).

The very thought of such effort brings on a pang. We reach for our Tenormin (ICI), one of the world's leading heart drugs. Reach for a bottle of Pepsi, either on Tizer, then settle

on Buxton water to wash down all the pills. Whoops, dropped it. Oh, fertiliser (ICI)! Luckily the bottles are made of plastic (made by ICI), so there is no need to sweep up glass with our Addis broom (also ICI plastic).

What about the Smith Corona (Hanson)? Still too early to commit any thoughts to typewriter. Instead, what about a round of golf (Hanson equipment) on smooth putting greens (fertilised by ICI), wearing our Fred Perry shirt and Head track suit (materials made by ICI). Do we need our Delsey suitcase (of ICI plastic)? No, because, remember, we must get back to our Smith Corona (Hanson) and we have to take the Ford in to the garage to have its plastic bumper (ICI) replaced, the one that smashed when we drove into a lamp post because we were too busy struggling to open the plastic casing (ICI) of our L'Oreal

foundation cream. Feeling peckish, we go to the fridge. It is empty except for some tomatoes which we bought last year. Luckily they are specially genetically engineered, longer-lasting tomatoes (invented by ICI).

Tuning in to Melody Radio (Hanson), we bite our sandwich. whoops, tomato (ICI) oozes onto our Nicole Farhi shirt (Tactel, ICI). Oh, fertiliser (ICI)!

Look at the Smith Corona (Hanson) as deadline looms. Gulp down more Tenormin (ICI) to calm ourselves. Heart still racing. Give up on Smith Corona (Hanson) for today. Jump into Jacuzzi (Hanson) - dream of Audrey Hepburn (ex-Hanson) in *Breakfast at Tiffany*.

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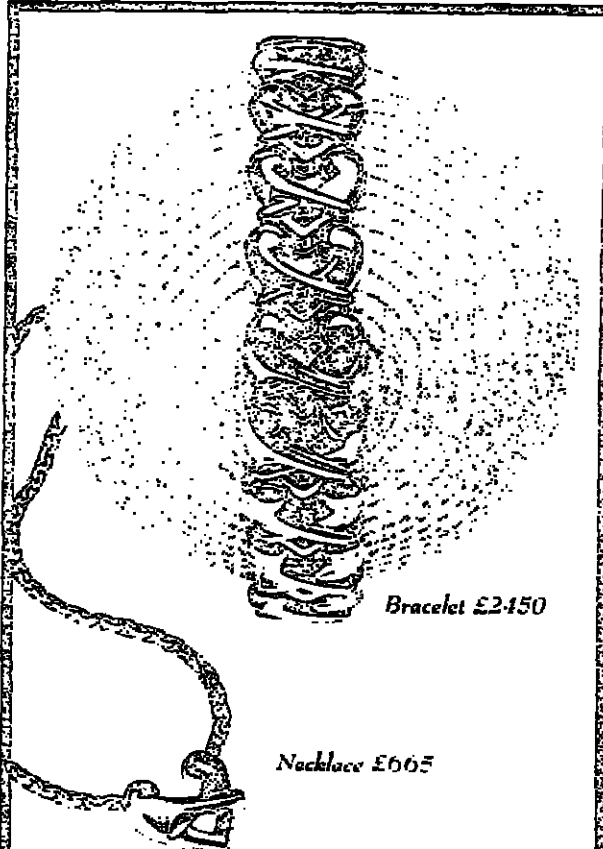
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## Appeal court halves five-year Saunders prison sentence

By PAUL WILKINSON

ERNEST Saunders, the jailed former Guinness chairman, yesterday had his five-year sentence cut in half by three appeal court judges.

The decision means that Saunders, who the court was told has pre-senile dementia, will be eligible for parole and possible release at the end of next month, after completing a third of the two-and-a-half-year term substituted for the original five-year sentence imposed last August.

His son James, asked outside the court if they would be applying for parole, said: "You bet. We are very pleased with this result and are now looking forward to his urgent release and to having him home so we can look after him and his medical condition."

Saunders left the court leaning heavily on the arm of his daughter Joanna for the journey back to Ford open prison in West Sussex.

The judges also reduced the two-and-a-half-year sentence imposed on the stockbroker Anthony Parnes, another of the Guinness affair defendants, to 21 months. That means he can apply for parole immediately.

Earlier, Lord Justice Neill, sitting with Justices Ognall and Owen, had rejected appeals by the two men and a third Guinness defendant, Gerald Ronson, the head of the Heron Group of companies, against convictions on all but one charge. They allowed Saunders's appeal on a charge of conspiracy which they quashed on technical grounds.

Cutting the sentences, Lord Justice Neill said that they did not accept the argument of Anthony Shaw, counsel for Saunders, that he should be released immediately because of his medical condition. However, they had come to the conclusion that his sentence, passed at Southwark crown court, south London, by Mr Justice Henry, "was substantially too high".

Mr Shaw had argued that even without Saunders's failing health, which was not known during the trial, the five-year term was an excessive deterrent to other City people seeking commercial advantage.

He and the other defendants were convicted variously of theft, false accounting and

breaches of the Companies Act at the end of a six-month trial. The charges arose out of Guinness's £2.7 billion takeover of the Distillers drinks group in 1986 when the three men had taken part in an illegal share-support operation.

Reducing Parnes's sentence, the judges said that the trial judge in fixing his jail term should have made greater allowance for the six months Parnes spent in prison in America in 1987, awaiting extradition. Instead of reducing the sentence by an equal amount, Mr Justice Henry should have cut it by one-and-a-half times, or nine months.

The main theme of the eight days of legal argument against convictions last month had been based on the claim that the trial judge had misdirected the jury in relation to breaches of the Companies Act. It had been contended that the effect was to withdraw the question of dishonesty from consideration by the jury and leave it with the impression that offences under the act, which forbid a company giving financial assistance to buy its own shares, must have been committed.

In a 94-page judgment, Lord Justice Neill said: "The summing-up has been subjected to very detailed and skilled criticism by experienced counsel. Some blemishes and infelicities have been exposed in what was in the main a masterly exposition. But the case was in essence all about honesty or dishonesty. If one looks at the summing-up as a whole it is abundantly clear that the central issue was left fairly and squarely for the jury to determine."

The appeal against sentence by Ronson will be heard next month.



Ernest Saunders arriving at the Court of Appeal yesterday with his daughter Joanna

## Lager louts give Europeans a false idea of sober Britain

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

BRITAIN'S lager louts give a false impression to the rest of the world of their country's drinking habits, according to statistics which show that the alcohol consumption in the rest of Europe is up to twice as high as here.

The average consumption per head of pure alcohol of 7.6 litres a year puts Britain at the bottom of the European league table, which is headed by France with 13.4 litres.

World Drink Trends was published yesterday by the Produktschap voor Gedistilleerde Dranken, the Dutch drinks trade association. Henk Ipreburg produced the analysis for the organisation from data provided by the governments and trade organisations of 48 countries, Britain's coming from the Brewers' Society and the Wine and Spirit Association.

Mr Ipreburg said that Britain was nowhere near as bad as it was portrayed abroad. "British consumption is quite moderate. Misuse of alcohol occurs when people drink a lot in a short time and especially when they are on holiday but that doesn't apply just to the British."

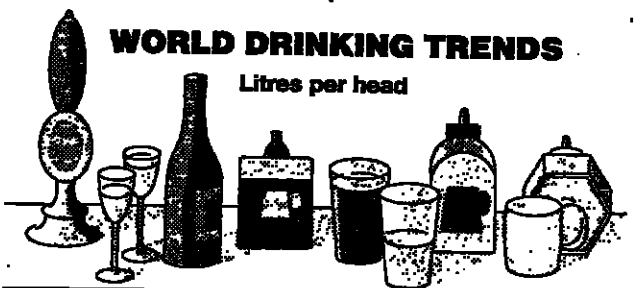
To produce the statistics government and trade organisations assessed the alcohol content of the wines, beers and spirits consumed by their nationals and divided the total by the population. The statistics, which are for 1989, indicate that consumption has dropped in the last ten years in

almost all the main regions of the world. The consumption of wine in France is now only 60 per cent of what it was in the early Sixties.

In the European community there has been an 11.43 per cent decrease in consumption over the past decade, in

eastern Europe a drop of 27.48 per cent, in Australasia 12.66 per cent, north America 8.54 per cent and throughout the world generally a fall of 11.58 per cent.

Latin America, however, has seen a rise of 8.4 per cent over the past decade.



## Prince's donation helps to relieve herd of rare pigs

By MICHAEL HORSNELL, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE Prince of Wales has helped to secure the future of Britain's largest surviving herd of Gloucester Old Spots, one of seven breeds of rare pigs, with a financial donation to their owner.

Two months ago, Charles Russell, of Hope Bagot, Shropshire, who keeps about 100 Old Spots in free-range conditions, said he would have to slaughter 90 breeding sows because the National Westminster Bank was refusing to lend him £10,000 for feeding costs and to pay a stockman.

Such has been the public response that the slaughtering of the pigs has been postponed indefinitely. Donations and sponsorships of £3,000 have been made, and £21,450 has been given in the form of interest-free or low-interest

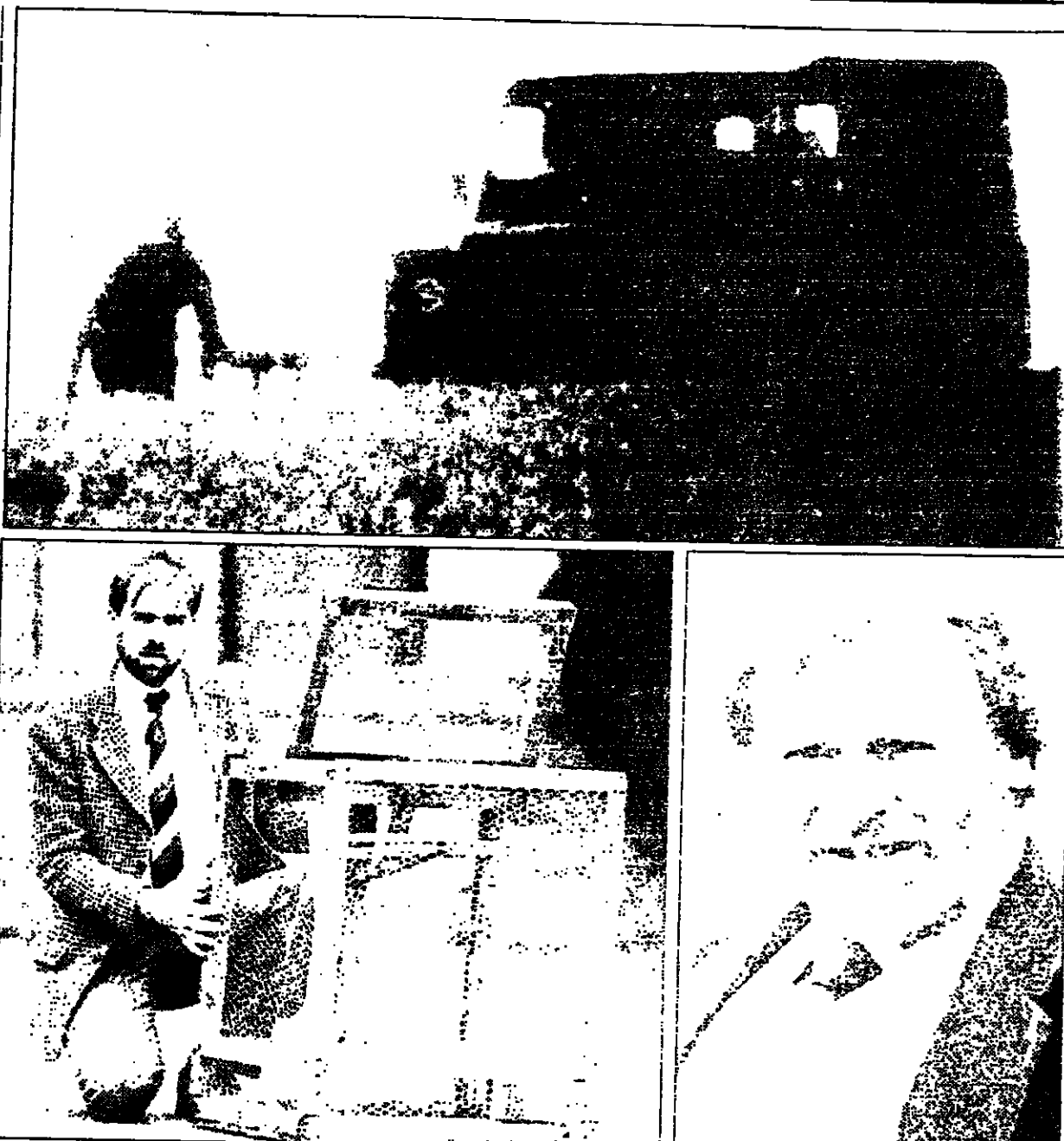
loans and offers of commercial participation. Now Mr Russell has received a letter from the Duchy of Cornwall offering to help towards the costs of building a classroom at the farm for visiting schoolchildren. It said the prince had been interested to learn of Mr Russell's "attempts to secure the genetic resources" of the pigs.

Yesterday, the Duchy said that the money would come from the Duke of Cornwall's Benevolent Fund. The amount was confidential. However, Mr Russell said the sum was "generous" and would cover a good proportion of the cost of the classroom, which he put at £8,000 to £12,000.

Mr Russell and his wife Wendy have also set up a company called Hermes

Rare Breeds, in which the public will be invited to take shares. The Russells started their herd of Old Spots three years ago. It now includes all 15 remaining female bloodlines and accounts for 20 per cent of the national breeding herd of the "orchard pig", so called because of its ability to live on fallen fruit.

The bank said it had already allowed Mr Russell an overdraft of £30,000 and felt unable to extend his credit any further. Mr Russell said he thought the bank had underestimated the commercial potential of rare breeds, and that specialist butchers would pay 30 per cent more for his pigs because of their superior taste and texture and the growing demand for free-range meat.



Trapped: A gamekeeper was caught using a trap baited with live sparrows to capture protected sparrow hawks after the RSPB took the top photograph. A member of the British Association for Shooting and Conservation tipped off the RSPB and Keith Morton, an

right, £1,000 after he admitted two charges of using a trap to take a wild bird and a third of using a live decoy. A member of the British Association for Shooting and Conservation tipped off the RSPB and Keith Morton, an

investigating officer pictured left with the cage, captured Tuplin on film. Tuplin, whose job on the Huntsham estate includes raising pheasants, said that the traps were meant for predator squirrels.

## Dangerous dinghy in timeshare offers

By KERRY GILL

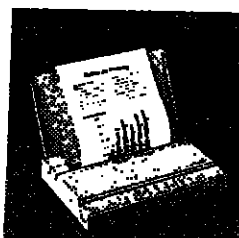
CUSTOMS officers and trading standards departments in Britain have been alerted about an "dangerous" inflatable boat being offered as an inducement to buy timeshare holiday homes.

Last weekend, a teenager drowned off Weston-super-Mare, Avon, while playing in one of the dinghies, called an Electra sport boat. Mike Drewry, Lothian region's trading standards director yesterday described it as a "motorised 11-to with a food mixer at the back".

The Centre for Maritime and Industrial Safety Technology, based at Heriot Watt university, Edinburgh, showed how the dinghy can easily sink. The centre found its buoyancy fell below minimum requirements, its valve assembly was dangerous, proper handholds were not provided, its construction was below standard and the oars could be easily lost.

Mehdi Laftavi, the centre's director, said: "My greatest concern is over the plastic fabric used in its construction, because it failed at far below the strength demanded by the British Standard. This boat is potentially very dangerous."

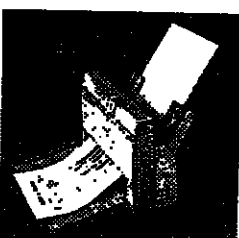
He said anyone selling them would face prosecution under the Consumer Protection Act. An alert over swimming arm-bands was issued yesterday after trading standards officers found that, in tests in Liverpool on 18 brands, almost one type in three had faulty non-return valves (Michael Horsnell writes).



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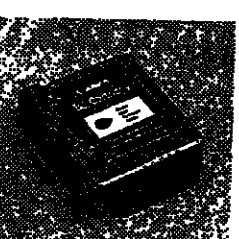
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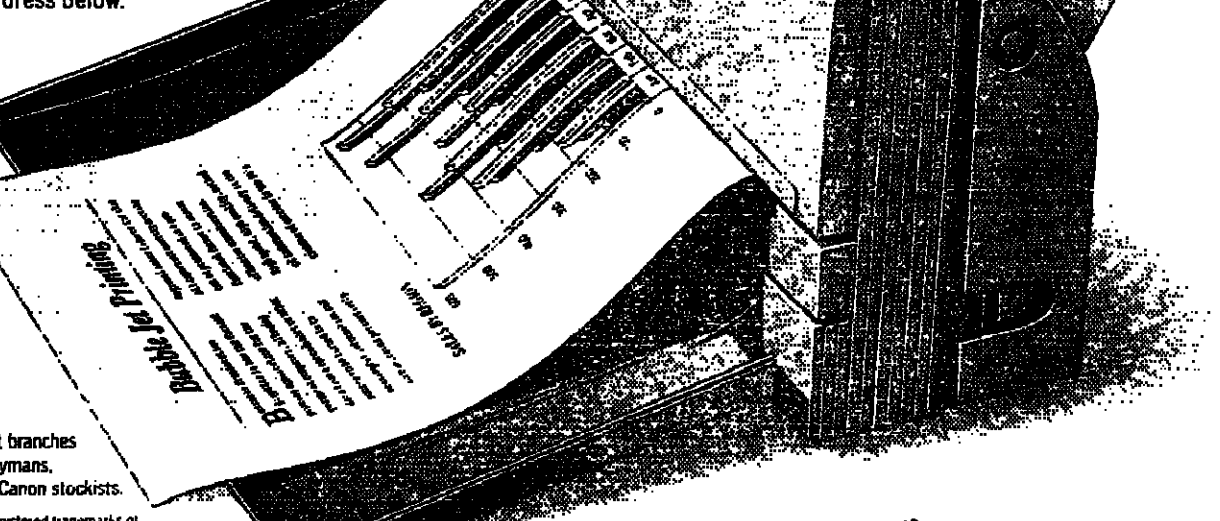
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# British Museum's new chief will resist the trivial

By SIMON TAIT  
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

ROBERT Anderson, named yesterday as the next director of the British Museum, will be as pugnaciously opposed to admission charges — against the trend of most national museums — and for scholarship as his predecessor, Mr Anderson, director of the National Museums of Scotland, is to succeed Sir David Wilson as the country's senior museum director in January.

Sir David is a passionate opponent of charging and of what he regards as the trivialising of scholarship by the simplistic approach of some national museum displays. Mr Anderson shares his views with equal fervour.

"In the last decade the centre of gravity has moved from the national museum to the independent one which by its very nature has to find its income from its visitors. Some national museums have perhaps been over-enthusiastic about following the trends and being seduced into other areas at the expense of the presentation of objects and of scholarship. That is cause for concern," Mr Anderson said yesterday. He agrees with the Museums and Galleries Commission that some national museums



Museum challenger: Mr Anderson with a 16th century Ming fish bowl in the Royal Museum of Scotland yesterday

have let scholarship slip so far as to be barely worth the title "national".

Mr Anderson is a scientist by training unlike Sir David who was an archaeologist, or

his predecessor, Sir John Pope-Hennessy, an art historian. Mr Anderson is 47 and has spent all his career in museums, making the history of science a personal

speciality. A Londoner, he joined the Royal Scottish Museum after leaving Oxford in 1970. He moved to the Science Museum in 1975 where he rose to be keeper of

chemistry, leaving in 1984 to return to the Royal Scottish as director. His first task there was to bring together the two main Scottish collections, the Royal Scottish and

the National Museum of Antiquities, and five specialist museums to create the National Museums of Scotland of which he was the first director.

As well as stitching together the national museums he has developed a close working relationship with his chairman, the Marquess of Bute, and set in train a £30 million expansion of the main Chambers Street museum in Edinburgh for which the shortest of architects has just been announced.

He will hope for similar sympathetic support from the British Museum's chairman, Lord Windlesham. While there may not be any discernible new policy at the British Museum under the new director, there will be dramatic changes because of the British Library's removal from the Bloomsbury complex in 1993.

"There will be 40 per cent more space. The question will be whether it should be filled in the same way as the other 60 per cent or quite differently, but the present exhibitions and scholarship have proved to be a very successful formula," Mr Anderson said.

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## MPs urge ban on war service by under-18s

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A PARLIAMENTARY inquiry has called for a ban on troops under 18 being sent to fight abroad after disquiet about the 200 minors — in law, children — deployed in the Gulf. The group of MPs said yesterday that it did not seem right that those too young to vote or to drink alcohol in a public house should be asked to risk their lives for their country.

The five-yearly investigation by a Commons committee into service discipline also called for homosexual activity by service personnel aged over 21 to be legalised, in line with civilian law.

The cross-party committee, chaired by John Wilkinson, the Tory MP, said the defence ministry should announce plans next year for a ban on under-18s being sent on active service overseas. Special arrangements already prevent

minors going on operational duties in Northern Ireland. The committee said: "We believe that there should at least be a presumption that under 18-year-olds should not be sent on active service overseas unless there is some over-riding requirement for their particular skills in the defence of the country or unless the threat to national security is such as to necessitate the conscription of minors."

Menzies Campbell, the Liberal Democrat defence spokesman, said that however enthusiastic young soldiers might be to serve with their mates, the defence ministry had a moral duty to protect

them from unnecessary risks. Two soldiers aged 17 were among the 34 British casualties who died in the Gulf. They were Conrad Cole of Rochdale, Lancashire, from The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, and Christopher Napier of North Shields, Tyne and Wear, from the Coldstream Guards.

The committee also investigated service law, which bans homosexual activity of any kind and makes a homosexual, whether practising or not, liable to discharge. In the past four years 39 servicemen have been dismissed after convictions for homosexual activities. A further 296 personnel, more than half of them women, have been discharged from the services for being homosexuals without formal disciplinary charges being laid against them.

The Stonewall lobby group told the MPs that the present policy exposed homosexuals to blackmail. The committee concluded that the policy caused "very real distress and the loss to the service of some men and women of undoubted competence and good character", but accepted that the time had not yet come to require the armed forces to accept homosexuality. But they saw no reason why homosexual activity which was legal under civilian law should be an offence under service law and called for a change before the end of the next parliamentary session.

Commons select committee on the Armed Forces Bill (Stationery Office, £12).

## Glorious history of the teenage heroes

Michael Evans looks at the honourable tradition of bravery and service by soldiers under 18

THE boy soldier going to war used to be a great tradition in the British Army. Six young men under the age of 18 have been awarded the Victoria Cross, most of them soldiers.

The two youngest, Drummer Thomas Flinn and Hospital Apprentice Andrew Fitzgibbon, were only 15 years and three months when they won their VCs in the mid-19th century. Both were Irish.

Under today's recruiting system, however, few soldiers would be less than 17½ before going to war. Recruiting is aimed at those aged between 17 and 25, but each has to undergo at least six months' training.

The number of soldiers under 18 who went to war in the Gulf was probably over 200. Most battalions would have between 20 and 30 17-year-olds. Two soldiers aged 17 died in the Gulf conflict. Many 17-year-olds also served on warships in the Gulf.

The army's feeling is that, once trained, a young soldier is ready for combat. The only exception is in Northern Ireland, where soldiers are not allowed to patrol the streets until they are 18. The reason for that is the fear that soldiers under the age of 18 will not be mature enough to handle the demands of the job.

When asked in March, during a Commons defence committee hearing, about soldiers under 18 going to the Gulf, Tom King, the defence secretary, indicated that it would have been difficult to stop them going. They wanted to be

with their regiments. He said there would have been a big row if they had been prevented from going. Private Vincent Stott, aged 17, serving with the Royal Scots, could not wait to get into action, according to his father Tom Stott, from Edinburgh.

Historically, young soldiers and sailors have played significant roles in wars. Although RAF pilots have always been over 18 because of the length of their training, war recruits for the two other services have often been much younger.

Before the 20th century, however, there was no concept of a minimum age. Recruitment depended on physical size. There was no such thing as birth certificates. It was not until 1916 that a minimum age of 19 was enforced for the deployment of soldiers overseas during World War I.

That was later reduced to 18½. In 1963, the minimum age was reduced to 17, when recruitment for the army changed from conscription to volunteers. The minimum age for the Gulf war was 17 years and three months for the army, 17 for the marines, and 17½ for the RAF.

## Controllers may opt for strike action

THE threat of disruption to air travel loomed again last night after air traffic controllers warned they would take industrial action over a ban on union activists (Harvey Elliott writes).

The Civil Aviation Authority has told hundreds of senior air traffic controllers that there could be a conflict of loyalty between their managerial duties and trade union activities. Three union members have already been told they must give up their union work if they wanted to stay in their present job.

The ruling angered the Institute of Professionals, Managers and Specialists, the union to which the controllers belong, and at their annual conference in Torquay yesterday it was decided to fight the ban "with industrial action if necessary".

Billy Rodger, a controller at West Drayton, described the dispute as "another GCHQ" and accused the CAA of "blatant macho management". Bill Brett, the general secretary, warned that the dispute could lead to a major industrial dispute.

Talks are to be held soon to try to resolve the dispute before the peak season begins.



Reek: enthusiasm may have got out of control

## Blackmail confusion

A man whose complaint about a fly found in a packet of minced meat was misinterpreted as a blackmail attempt, due to a language problem, walked free from court yesterday after the defence failed to produce any evidence.

The central criminal court was told that Maurice Reek, aged 42, of Roxhampton Vale, southwest London, who was born in Egypt, took his complaint to the management at the Marks and Spencer store and demanded compensation, but it was misinterpreted as a demand for £25,000.

Judge Michael Coombe said: "It may be that his enthusiasm in pursuing his rights got a little out of control."

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# Winners will not have final say on schedules

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

AMID all the talk of secret brown envelopes, paper-shredders and mystery shareholders, many television viewers must be wondering what difference the thousands of pages of promises made by those vying for the coveted new Channel 3 licences will make to what they watch each night on the screen come 1993.

Although the 40 Channel 3 contestants have each delivered highly-detailed programme plans to the Independent Television Commission, even the winners will not be able to guarantee that their promised dramas, comedies and current-affairs programmes of "exceptional quality" will materialise on the national network.

What is broadcast on the ITV national network will no longer be decided by the ITV companies themselves. A new central scheduler, with a £450 million annual budget, will have the power to pick and choose from the offerings of all Channel 3 licencees and hundreds of independent producers. It is not even known yet who will schedule the programmes or by what criteria.

Franchise winners, to be announced in October, will have just three months to come up with a central scheduling system agreeable to the commission and the Office of Fair Trading, as required by the 1990 Broadcasting Act, or face having one imposed. None of the potential central schedulers, meanwhile, will be available until at least after October. LWT's Greg Dyke, Thames' David Elstein and Central's Andy Allan, are all locked into contracts, as is Jonathan Powell, the controller of BBC1. Michael Grade recently signed a five-year Channel 4 contract.

However, with the mystery central scheduler likely to be able to choose networked programmes from indepen-

dents as well as Channel 3 licencees, many of the most popular ITV programmes — Granada's *Coronation Street*, Thames' *The Bill*, Yorkshire's *Darling Buds of May*, Anglia's *Survival* or LWT's *Blind Date* — are sure to stay, even if the companies that make them lose their franchises.

If the largest network contributors facing strong challengers — Thames, LWT, Granada and Yorkshire — were to lose out, they would simply turn independent, and submit the same programmes. Likewise, whether Carlton Communications, whose 51 per cent-owned Zenith makes the highly-rated *Inspector Morse* for Central, succeeds or fails in its bids for Thames and TVS, many of its proposed programmes are likely to make it on air, given the government's requirement that 25 per cent of all programmes on BBC, ITV and Channel 4 must be independently-made.

LWT has "golden-hand-cuffed" its main stars — Hale & Pace, Cilla Black, Brian Walden, Melvyn Bragg, Michael Aspel and Barry Humphries — beyond the start of the new 10-year licences in 1993, in case it loses out to London Independent Broadcasting, whose backers — Mentorn, Palace and Working Title — share between them credits for *Challenge Anneka*, *The Tall Guy*, *A World Apart* and *Lenny Henry Live and Unleashed*.

What is more at risk are the worthy prime-time current affairs programmes, such as *This Week*, *World in Action* and *First Tuesday*. Despite promises from all of the main bidders to broadcast documentaries at peak time, nothing in the ITC's detailed programme codes requires the network to do so. And if prices paid for programmes are linked to ratings, then lower-rated documentaries will get pushed back into late night slots.

## Promises of better local news coverage

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK AND RAY CLANCY

CHALLENGERS for the new Channel 3 licences have criticised existing local news output in many regions, committing themselves to greatly expanded coverage of current affairs.

In an effort to impress the Independent Television Commission, which has set strict standards for local and regional programming, they have promised to improve regional news by making it more relevant to people in all parts of their area, including outlying communities.

Many are dividing up their regions into smaller areas, setting up more newsoons and utilising new satellite technology. Meridian, considered one of TVS Television's strongest rivals in the South and South-East, plans to divide the licence area into three sub-sections instead of two. TVS promises to produce four targeted local news bulletins instead of two. North East Television, the Granada and Border TV consortium challenging Tyne Tees, plans two separate news services instead of the existing one, giving the people of Cleveland and North Yorkshire their own studios.

North West Television, the Yorkshire and Tyne Tees bid for Granada, promises to quadruple present levels of local programming to 50 hours a week, with a slot at 9.35am every morning devoted to a particular town in the region. Granada also promises to increase local programming.

Some of the criticism of the incumbents has been particularly severe. Viking Television, one of Yorkshire's two challengers, described current news output as being "slow to react and poor in technical quality". It promises to make news livelier with a system of "lightning vans" delivering news from all over the region to its main studio in Leeds.

News output is also at the centre of the battle for the national breakfast licence. Sunrise, the consortium put together by LWT, Scottish TV, Walt Disney and the Guardian, promises a rolling news programme with an emphasis on local news and weather opt-outs from 18 different regional studios.

## Bidders give drama a powerful new boost

By RAY CLANCY AND MELINDA WITTSTOCK

THE television viewer of 1993 will be offered a wide variety of drama and light entertainment programmes with soap operas for specific regions, regardless of who wins the franchises.

Existing soaps have had their effect on the bidders. New regional soaps vary from *The Group* from Anglia based on an East Anglian community health centre to a twice weekly soap for North East Television, bidder for the Tyne Tees franchise.

Anglia also plans a lavish television film called *A Dangerous Man* based on Lawrence of Arabia and a comedy called *French Family Robinson* about an English couple in France. Yorkshire Television plans a similar soap, *Ark de Triomphe*, with a North Yorkshire family.

East of England Television, competing with Anglia and Three East Limited, plans a one hour long drama series to go out six or seven times a week and a new soap.

In the Yorkshire area viewers can expect two new soaps if White Rose television wins. The company plans a range of drama including a series on a Lincolnshire poacher.

Yorkshire Television, the current franchise holders, promises at least 13 hours of regional programmes.

Drama series and serials feature highly in Granada's bid for the North-West; 20 films are in development and a soap-type serial. The challenger, North West Television, proposes a single play a week and period dramas.

North of the border programmes in Gaelic are promised by Grampian Television and two challengers Caledonia and North of Scotland Television. Caledonia bases its light entertainment schedule on *A Scotsman*, *An Englishman* and *An Irishman*, with three comedians battling to find which country tells the funniest jokes.

Carlton Communications, threatening Thames and TVS, is investing £80 million a year in new programmes, 500 hours of which will be offered to the ITV network. It has already spent £2 million developing 70 new programmes.



Detective work: only one of the independent television franchise holders producing these programmes can look to a future uncensored by challenge. From left: Granada Television's *Coronation Street* (foreground Vera Duckworth, played by actress Elizabeth Dawn); centre, David Bellamy in an Anglia TV *Survival* Special on the Amazon rainforest; and right, John Thaw and Amanda Hillwood in Central TV's *Inspector Morse* (background, a still from Yorkshire TV's *Shoot to Kill*).

## Lilley refers BBC to Monopolies Commission

PETER Lilley, the trade and industry secretary, yesterday referred the BBC to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission for using its television airtime to advertise its own magazines (Melinda Wittstock writes).

His decision follows two months of consultation with magazine publishers and the BBC, after a year-long government enquiry into cross-media promotion recommended an immediate MMC referral last March. The BBC's on-air promotion of magazines

such as *Radio Times* and *Food and Drink* meant that it was guilty of unfair competition, which put at a disadvantage rival magazine publishers who did not have access to low-cost television promotion, the Sadler report said.

Mr Lilley told the Commons: "The issues are complex and a reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission will allow all sides of the argument to be heard by an independent body which has considerable

experience in assessing the public interest. If I were to reject the Sadler recommendation, I would be failing to acknowledge that such questions deserved careful consideration."

The BBC, which has been told by the Home Office that it must raise £72 million a year from the commercial exploitation of its assets, said it was disappointed by the referral.

James Arnold Baker, chief executive of BBC Enterprises, said: "We firmly maintain that BBC magazines

are a special case. Unlike the products of other publishers, they have to serve two masters. They must provide a public service enhancing viewers' and listeners' enjoyment and appreciation of programmes, and in line with the government's exhortations; they must generate a profit which feeds back into programme making, thus reducing the pressure on the licence fee."

Last year, BBC Enterprises invested £45 million in the making of new programmes.

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## National curriculum may harm teaching of reading, MPs say

By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

THE national curriculum may be damaging the teaching of reading, with teachers having too little time to help children because they have to spend longer on mathematics and science, according to the report of an all-party committee of MPs published yesterday.

The Commons education, science and arts select committee said: "Although the national curriculum is intended to raise standards generally, we are concerned that it may result in a reduction in the time and attention which teachers can give to reading, particularly in the child's crucial first years at school."

It follows two reports into reading standards in primary schools by the schools inspectorate and the National Foundation of Educational Research, carried out after a group of educational psychologists had claimed that reading standards had fallen consistently since 1985. The MPs said there was no proof that standards had fallen, but that there was cause for concern. They also said

that teacher shortages were affecting reading standards, with the inspectorate reporting that a quarter of schools visited had problems of teacher supply. "All children could benefit from nursery provision and adequate staffing and other resources need to be made available to primary schools," the committee said.

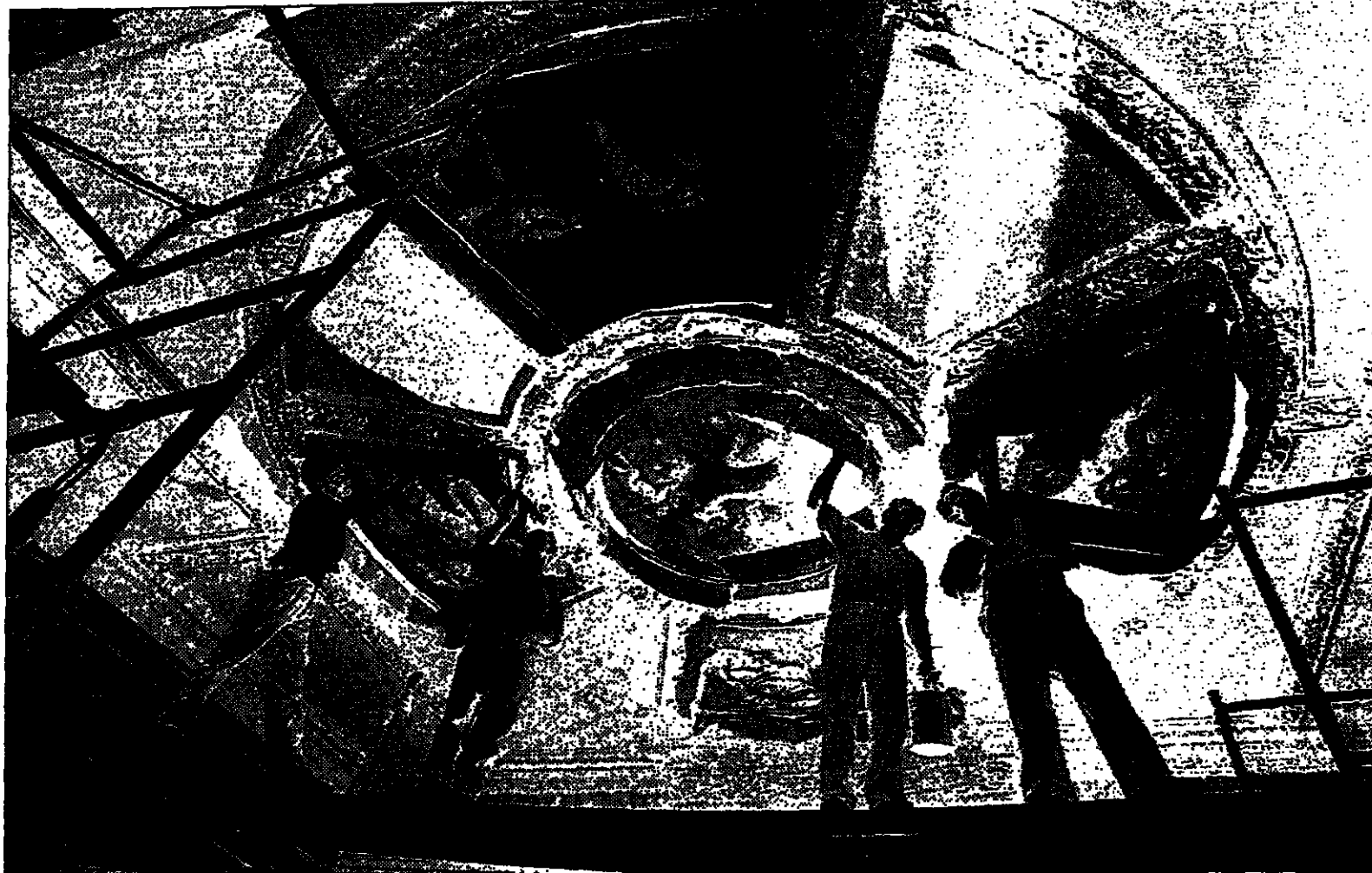
In addition, it said, too few primary school teachers were specially trained to teach reading. The MPs recommended that more time should be given to the teaching of reading in the teacher training colleges and that those intending to specialise in infant teaching should be able to take language development and reading as their main subject.

They rejected claims that the "real books" method of teaching reading and the abandonment of phonics, the traditional method of teaching children how to build up words, was the root cause of any decline. "We have no reason to believe that, if there

has been any general decline in standards, 'real books' methods alone have caused it," the MPs said. They did, however, recommend that the methods of teaching phonics should be evaluated to establish the best way of using them.

● A report by polytechnic directors yesterday called for a "green" curriculum in higher education (John O'Leary writes).

They have already recommended all polytechnics carry out a "green audit" of their premises and a government committee is investigating the availability of courses concerned with the environment. The report published by the Committee of Directors of Polytechnics, called *Greening The Curriculum*, is the second by Shirley Ali Khan, a Hatfield polytechnic lecturer who is co-ordinating the greening initiative. She urges polytechnics to include environmental criteria in their performance indicators, and to run courses to raise the awareness of staff.



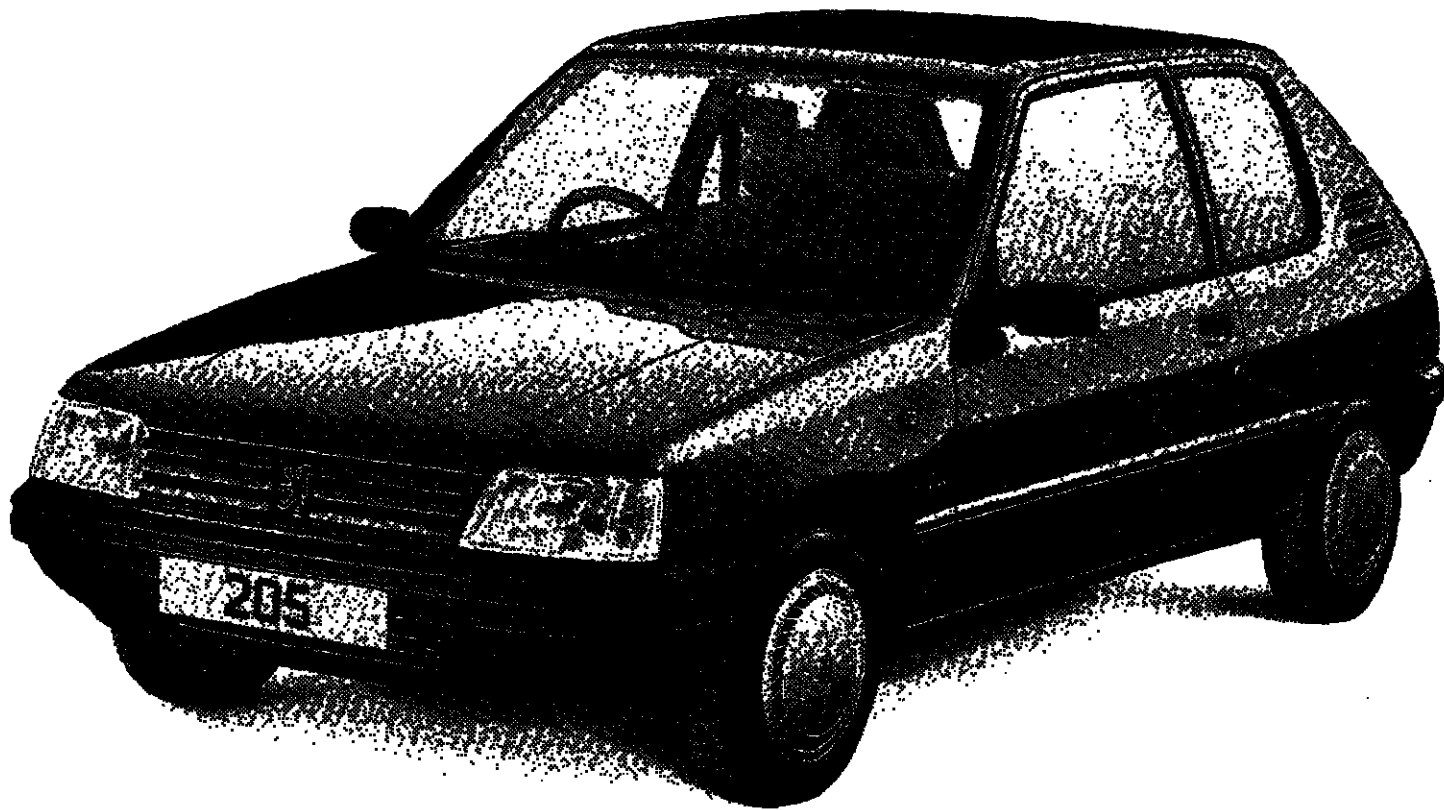
Restoring the mould: a team of decorators paint the plaster mouldings surrounding Benjamin West's ceiling painting *The Graces Unveiling Nature and the Four*

*Elements* in the foyer of the Royal Academy in Piccadilly, London. The work follows the £9.6 million redevelopment of the academy's galleries in Burlington House,

Piccadilly, which the Queen will open on June 10. West was the second president of the Royal Academy, succeeding Sir Joshua Reynolds. The ceiling paintings

were done for the Royal Academy in 1779 when it was in Somerset House and moved with it first to its second home in Trafalgar Square and then to Piccadilly in 1869.

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## Radon gas can damage blood cells

By NIGEL HAWKES  
SCIENCE EDITOR

PEOPLE living in houses with a high radon level are more likely to show mutations in their white blood cells, Medical Research Council scientists have discovered.

This is the first time that evidence has been produced in Britain linking radon with physical damage to cells. Hiroto the dangers of radon have been based on statistical analyses which suggest that the gas, produced by the decay of uranium, may be responsible for 2,500 cancer deaths a year.

A team from the universities of Sussex and Bristol, led by Bryn Bridges, studied the white blood cells of people living in Street, Somerset, where a survey in 1989 showed raised radon levels. They found that the mutations of the white blood cells rose in line with levels of radon in the living rooms of houses, particularly when those levels were above the "action level" of 200 becquerels per cubic metre of air set by the National Radiological Protection Board.

The changes they found are relatively common and not believed to be harmful, Professor Bridges says, but a raised frequency of these mutations may indicate that the agent responsible is capable also of producing mutations to other genes. The team say their results are surprising as it had been believed that radon at the levels measured was incapable of producing a sufficient dose of alpha particles to cause mutations.

The team, writing in today's issue of *The Lancet*, have not established an unequivocal link with radon, but say the evidence points that way. All the 20 people from whom blood samples were taken are healthy, and none were smokers.

The preliminary study seems certain to add force to the call made last week by the Institute of Environmental Health officers for a national radon survey and higher grants for protecting houses.

## Council is cleared of MP's death

Corwall county council was yesterday cleared by the High Court of any blame for the road crash in which David Penhaligon, the Liberal MP, died in 1986. The ruling means that the council will not have to contribute towards the £300,000 agreed damages awarded to Mr Penhaligon's widow Annette, of Truro, and her two children.

The council had denied that it was negligent in not grating the roads in the area on the morning of Mr Penhaligon's death. Mr Justice Macpherson found Anthony Barry, of St Austell, to be totally to blame for the head-on collision between his van and the MP's car.

**Scientist jailed**  
A scientist who battered his wife to death but claimed that she was the victim of a sex killer was jailed for life yesterday. Cardiff crown court was told that Dr Alan Simm, aged 35, of Bancryfelin, Dyfed, planned the murder to gain £100,000 in insurance money to settle financial problems.

**Fraud charges**  
Michael Ward, aged 49, of Blackpool, has been sent for trial charged with a series of frauds against the Blackpool and Fylde Blind Society, of which he was the former general manager.

**Grave profit**  
Replicas of the bust of Karl Marx over his grave at Highgate cemetery, north London, are to be sold by friends of the cemetery for £500 each.

**Unlucky strike**  
Gas workers yesterday punctured a pipe carrying thousands of gallons of aviation fuel to Heathrow airport near Chertsey, Surrey. Engineers closed valves before too much escaped.

**Late post**  
A cheque posted to Peter Henderson, of Holloway, north London, in 1969, arrived yesterday. It was for £3 10s.

## Zoo help ruled out

DAVID Trippier, the environment minister, said yesterday that he could not support the case for London zoo remaining in Regent's Park as he disliked the idea of keeping animals in such a small area (Sheila Gunn writes).

He also told the Commons environment committee that London zoo had received £31 million during the Eighties while no other British zoo had been given government funds.

He will meet Lord Peyton, the treasurer, next week to discuss the zoo's claim that, without extra government

funds, it will be forced to close and possibly destroy many of the 18,000 creatures.

His surprise comments came at the end of a committee hearing on landfill waste. Mr Trippier said he had received no formal approach from the zoo for help. "I must make it abundantly clear that I could not possibly support London zoo in its present location, run as it is, because the message that has not got across is that during the 1980s no less than £31 million was paid by the government to the zoo."

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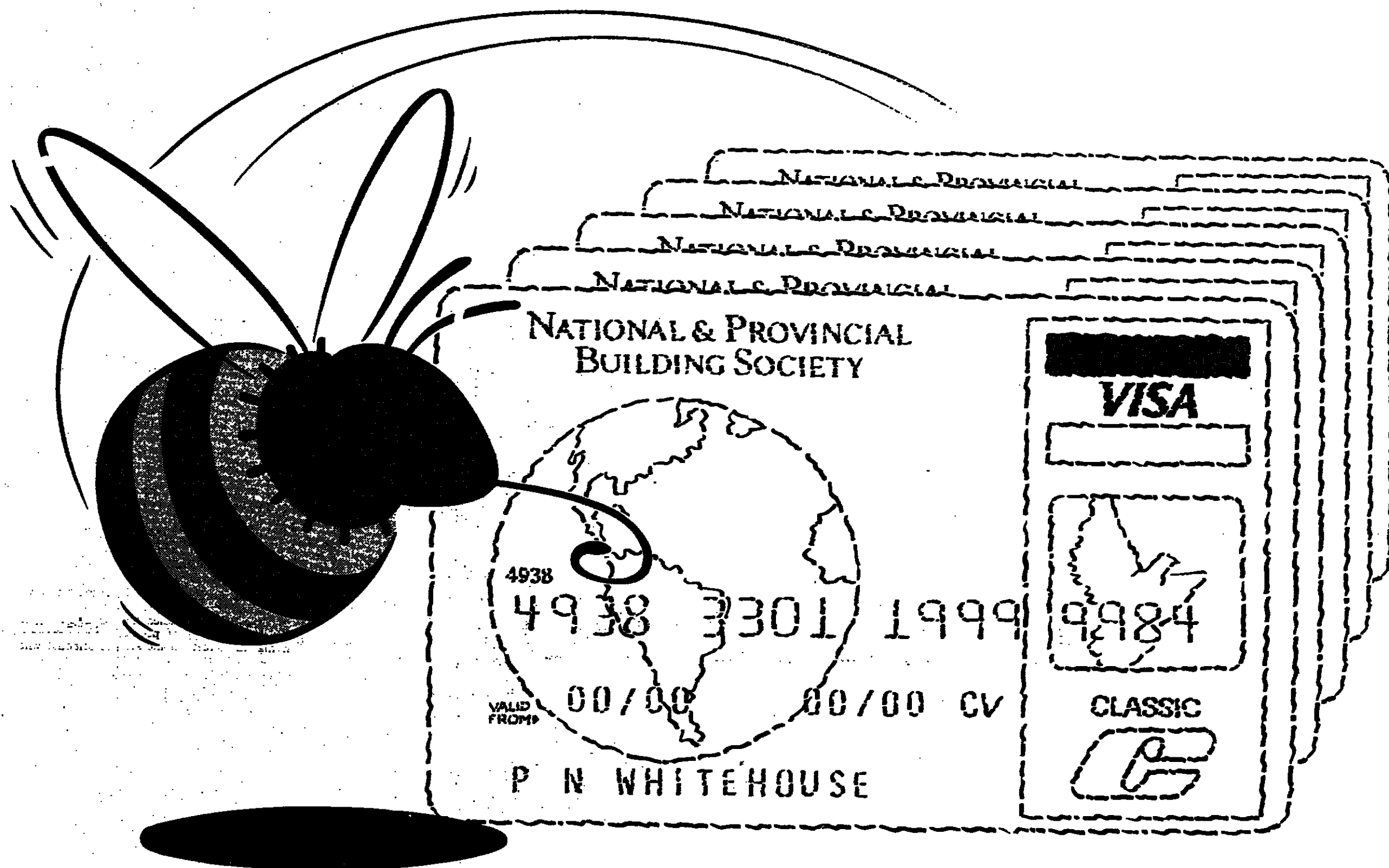
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# Efficiency group wants job cuts among mandarins

By RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

WIDESPREAD job cuts in Whitehall, including those in the upper echelons of the civil service, were recommended by the prime minister's efficiency unit yesterday.

The functions and staffing of central government departments should be reviewed and an overall staff reduction of a quarter achieved in areas of personnel and finance as a result of giving greater responsibility to semi-autonomous agencies.

That the investigation by the unit into the relationship between the agencies and central Whitehall departments has caused a frisson of concern within the higher reaches of the civil service causes little surprise. The unit's latest offering suggests that nobody, even the most senior mandarins, should be immune from the consequences of the government's drive for greater efficiency throughout the public service.

Some officials queried the wisdom of publishing a 32-page report that raises the question that if more respon-

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sibility is given to the executive agencies, some tasks in central departments become redundant, with the result that the number of staff should be reduced.

Urging central departments to review their role and staffing levels as a result of the creation of agencies under the government's *Next Steps* programme, the unit said: "The drive for better performance will mean, for the centres of departments as much as for the agencies, changes in attitude and approach, and in size, structure and methods of working."

The report said that, once agencies are established, the functions and staffing of each headquarters staff should be reduced, particularly in areas of personnel and finance. Although the study said that the precise level of staff reductions would vary between departments, the target should be an aggregate cut of a quarter in the staffing of finance and

personnel divisions across Whitehall. "This should represent a modest target", the report added.

"Further savings may well be possible through reducing the size of layers of management in policy divisions as agencies contribute to policy analysis and formulation."

The report added that central government departments should review their changing functions and that the production of targets for staffing levels should include senior officials and the Treasury. While admitting that the relationship between departments and agencies are more complex than those between a holding company and its subsidiary, the report said that the private-sector approach had much to offer. "Headquarters staff were kept very small and, in looking after subsidiary companies, senior managers were supported by only a handful of specialist financial and other staff."

The report contrasts unfavourably the difference in attitude between departments and agencies in the drive to reduce overheads and remove layers of management. There had been a movement of some staff to the agencies, but no department had reassessed fundamentally the number of people employed at headquarters.

In true Whitehall style, excuses were offered. Some departments said that there had been delegation and decentralisation before the creation of agencies so that further economies would be limited; others said that only part of the department would ever be in agencies; and some suggested that as some things had to be done for the department as a whole, central staff resources were fixed rather than variable.

Commons public accounts committee fifteenth report: *Foreign and Commonwealth Office Manpower* (Stationery Office, £8.75).

*Making the Most of Next Steps: The management of Ministers' Departments and the Executive Agencies* (Stationery Office, £5).



Lamont: interest rates will be maintained

## Lamont denies rift with Bank chief on rates

By PETER MULLIGAN AND JOHN WINDER

NORMAN Lamont, Chancellor of the Exchequer, yesterday dismissed reports of differences over interest-rate policy with Robin Leigh-Pemberton, governor of the Bank of England.

"There is no disagreement between me and the governor of the Bank of England on interest-rate policy whatsoever", Mr Lamont told the Commons. He added: "Interest rates will be maintained in order to safeguard our position in the exchange-rate mechanism and we will have flexibility to reduce interest rates as and when inflation comes down."

Asked if he was orchestrating a pre-election interest-rate cut against the advice of the governor, he said: "I do not believe it would be right to reduce interest rates in order to stimulate the economy."

He did not, however, respond to a direct question from David Evans, Tory MP for Welwyn Hatfield, who asked to Labour cheers: "Is he

running the economy or is it the governor of the Bank of England?"

Speaking at question time, Mr Lamont told MPs that Britain was winning the battle against inflation; the underlying rate, excluding mortgage interest payments, had been coming down for 12 months.

He faced Labour challenges on the outlook for business and was challenged over a statement by Richard Greenbury, chairman of Marks and Spencer, that business was in for a "longish, hardish, toughish time". Paul Boateng, a Labour Treasury spokesman, asked: "Does he agree with that? If not, who knows more about running a business? The chairman of Marks and Spencer or him?"

Mr Lamont replied: "I am sure that the chairman knows much more about running Marks and Spencer. That is his job. He added: "I have always said that business is difficult and tough at the moment."

Quoting recent surveys, he told MPs that all the indications showed the business climate was "slowly but definitely improving". He also said he was considering the recommendation of the Treasury select committee for a new measure of consumer prices to make Britain's inflation measure comparable with those of other EC countries.

In response to other questions, David Meller, Treasury chief secretary, said that the government was on course for 4 per cent inflation by the end of the year.

He defended yesterday's investment figures from the Central Statistical Office which, John Smith, shadow Chancellor, said, showed that investment last year "plummeted" by 20 per cent - "the most awful way to prepare for the single market after 1992". Mr Meller said that the fall was from historically high levels.

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## MPs summon minister

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

WILLIAM Waldegrave, the health secretary, is to appear before Tory MPs next week to reassure them about the progress of the government's NHS reforms.

The meeting of the backbench health committee will come after criticism by senior Conservative MPs of the health secretary's handling of the political dispute over the reforms. Complaints about his lack of punch in combating the arguments of Robin Cook, Labour's health spokesman, were voiced at a confidential meeting of the 1922 executive last week.

Several leading Tories, alarmed at the damage being done to the government by the furore over NHS trusts and queue-jumping by patients of GP fundholders, said that Mr Waldegrave's lack of street-fighting abilities was costing

are managing their own budgets.

Senior ministers came to Mr Waldegrave's defence yesterday. One said that he continued to enjoy the prime minister's backing and that nobody at Downing Street or in the cabinet was "bad-mouthing" him.

The health secretary's friends argued that the fault lay not in the man but in the job. They pointed out that, although he was under fire for being too cool and rational in debate, Kenneth Clarke, his predecessor, had been criticised for being too abrasive.

They blamed disaffected right-wingers for the whispering campaign, saying they had singled out Mr Waldegrave for criticism because he was an easier target than their real quarry, Chris Patten, the party chairman.



## Child law change rejected

The Attorney-general has rejected a request to amend to law in the light of the court decision that a 12-year-old girl should have an abortion contrary to the wishes of her mother. The question had been put by David Alton, Liberal Democrat MP for Liverpool, Mossley Hill, and an anti-abortion campaigner.

In a written reply, Sir Patrick Mayhew said that where a child was a ward of court the High Court assumed parental responsibility, including the duty to give or withhold consent to medical procedures. In discharging that duty the court must act as a good parent and treat the welfare of the child as the overriding consideration.

He added that the Children Act was to come into operation in October and it would be premature to alter the law until there had been a chance to see how the act operated in practice.

## ICI debate refused

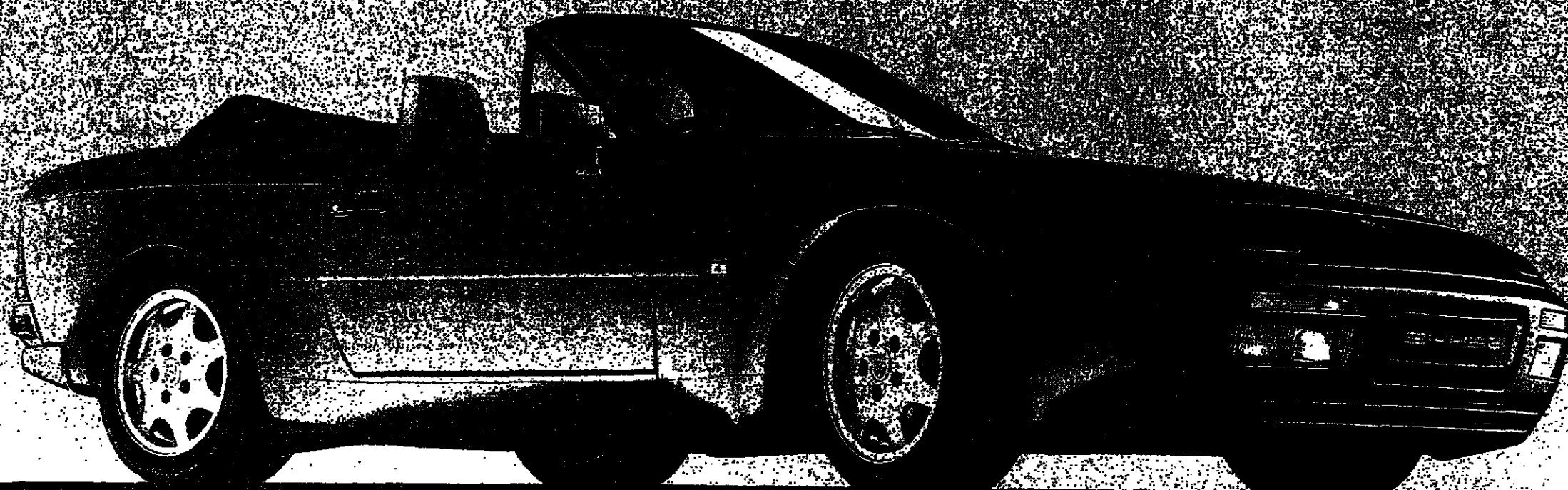
Calls for a debate on the future of ICI, after the purchase of shares by the Hanson Trust, were rejected by John MacGregor, leader of the Commons.

During discussion of future business, he said that the government had a heavy legislative programme.

## Félicitations

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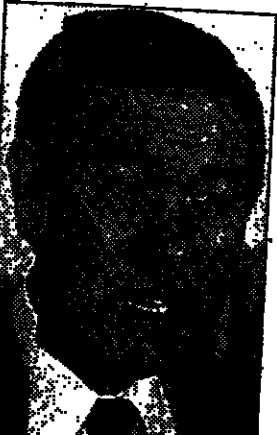
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## Mourners of dissident worker clash with police

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN SEOUL

CLASH broke out yesterday between police and members of a 2,000-strong funeral procession in Kwangju southwest Korea. The marchers were mourning the death of Yun Yong Ha, a dissident worker. He committed suicide last week in protest of the fatal beating by riot police of a 20-year-old student last month.



Roh gave assurance to embattled prime minister

### Gina trade status to be conditional

Washington — The White House retreated from President Bush's assertion on Wednesday that he planned to end China's most favoured nation trading status, saying a decision could come with conditions attached to curbing China's "excesses" (Karin Fletcher writes).

The retreat seemed designed to avert a defeat by Congress, where George Mitchell, the Democratic Senate leader, has tabled legislation which would end that status unless Beijing met tough common-sense rights and arms.

### Chernobyl study

Geneva — The World Health Organisation has authorised a \$200 million (£115 million) investigation into the international effects of the Chernobyl nuclear accident, now it is clear that radioactive contamination occurred far more widely.

### Taiwan repeal

Taipei — Taiwan's sedition laws, which government critics say have allowed the ruling Kuomintang party to crush dissent and rule with an iron fist for more than four decades, will soon be scrapped.

### Scud attacks

Peshawar — Afghan mujahideen have blocked two highways in an attempt to stop army reinforcements reaching the city of Khatjar. The city was hit by three Scud missiles fired by Iraq in May 1990.

### Suicide pact

Chicago — Police said two girls, aged 14, were killed by a suicide train at Round Lake Beach, Illinois after sitting on the line. Susan Ingalsand and Julie Paltach left joint suicide note. (AP)

embattled leader that he would not be sacked despite the public clamour. He told Mr Roh the cabinet should not be shaken by the wave of street demonstrations but focus on resolving the country's social and economic problems. The president ordered the government to crack down harshly on illegal protests.

Demonstrations involving hand-to-hand fighting between the police and students and dissident workers have racked Seoul and other South Korean cities for three weeks since the incident. Up to a quarter of a million protesters have been out on the streets at times, facing phalanxes of riot police.

Four others have committed suicide by setting fire to themselves in protest at police brutality. Many have repeatedly cut their fingers to demand anti-government slogans in blood on white banners. Student leaders have vowed to mobilise one million protesters nationwide tomorrow in what are expected to be the bloodiest confrontations yet.

President Roh's administration, now four years old, has been steadily losing popularity, hastened by a string of financial scandals, a severely weakened economy and continuous factional squabbling. While the violent student protests add one more dramatic item to Mr Roh's current list of problems, they are nevertheless unlikely to pose a real threat to his government.

A Western diplomat said: "If another student is killed by the police, that might spark a major conflagration and cause serious problems for the government. Otherwise Mr Roh seems to be prepared to sit it out and wait for the protesters to run out of energy."

Dramatic as they are, the riots should be placed in perspective. Every year in April and May university students stage "wildcat" demonstrations, which are expected here as the "conscience of the nation", engage in anti-government protests. Many must have in their minds the protests of the past which accelerated the downfall of governments.

In 1987 student demonstrators, who gained the support of millions of middle-class workers, helped to oust the hardline president Chun Doo Hwan after two-and-a-half decades of military dictatorship and set South Korea on the road to democracy. In 1960, huge riots led by students swept the nation and forced the downfall of President Rhee Seung Man who fled to exile in Hawaii.

This year there is one ingredient missing. The students do not have the support of the middle classes. These people, many of whom fought beside the students in 1987, have seen a dramatic improvement in their lifestyles. They are strongly committed to the democratic reforms promised by Mr Roh and to law and order. The clear target of the 1987 protests — the overthrow of an authoritarian regime — has vanished.



Eyes front: the Duke of Edinburgh looking through the sights of a missile launcher at Quantico marine base in Virginia. The duke, who is being assisted by Sergeant Dana Houghton, is accompanying the Queen on a state visit to America

## Pinochet goes ahead with visit to UK weapons maker

GENERAL Augusto Pinochet, the head of the Chilean army and his country's former president, arrives on a controversial visit to Britain tomorrow, where he is expected to negotiate an arms purchase with Royal Ordnance (Michael Binyon writes).

British Aerospace, the owners of Royal Ordnance, confirmed that the general would visit a factory and hold discussions with its management. British Aerospace already has a contract to provide artillery rocket motors for the Chilean firm Farnas. There are no em-

bargoes on sales of weapons to Chile. The former dictator, anticipating a wave of protest against his visit here, insists that he is making a strictly private visit, and his British contacts will therefore give out no details of his itinerary or how long he will stay, al-

though a Chilean "leak" suggested he might see Margaret Thatcher. The government, clearly embarrassed by his presence, is keeping its distance. No talks are planned with any official from the Foreign Office or Ministry of Defence. Chileans do not need

visas to enter Britain, and Whitehall said it had no details of his stay. General Pinochet, in Portugal yesterday, denied that he was in the country to buy Portuguese weapons although he admitted that he had contacted arms manufacturers.

## Fragile peace comes to Angola

FROM JAN RAATH IN HARARE

A DELICATE peace appeared to have settled over Angola yesterday for the first time in 16 years as the protagonists in the civil war laid down their arms. Diplomats in Luanda, the capital, spoke with disbelief as they cited reports of an abrupt and general halt to the fighting by midnight on Wednesday.

Troops of the rebel Unita movement and the MPLA government adhered to the first stages of a process due to end by November 1992 with multiparty elections. Jonas Savimbi, the Unita president, said in Brussels: "I knew my men would respect the truce, though I never expected so much." Military authorities in Luanda were less sanguine, although they did speak of "a general calm".

In the first reported violation of the ceasefire, Unita forces were reported to have overrun the village of Monte Belo in Benguela province on the western seaboard shortly after dawn.

As Wednesday night's deadline approached, both sides appeared to be involved in a frenzied escalation of their campaigns. But the first reports of a full-scale ceasefire came from Luanda, the capital of Angola, where a force of 3,500 Unita troops has killed about 400 people since April.

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Flying the flag: the Soyuz spacecraft yesterday

## Briton waits by the launchpad for her race into space

The countdown is on for Helen Sharman and her Soviet cosmonaut colleagues to blast off tomorrow for the Mir space station, reports Nick Nuttall from Baikonur

SHORTLY after dawn yesterday, the huge Soyuz spacecraft slid silently from its assembly sheds at Baikonur, Kazakhstan, into the overcast and desolate desert which surrounds the Soviet Union's most important cosmodrome. The craft, bristling with five grey boosters tipped in red and yellow, took a steady 30 minutes to reach the launch pad from where it will hurl Britain's first cosmonaut into space tomorrow.

Somewhere in one of the handful of gaunt buildings dotting the horizon, Helen Sharman, aged 27, a Sheffield food scientist destined to fly in space, may have stolen her first glimpse of the modest white capsule, painted with the Union Jack and the Soviet flag, which will take her on a six-day rendezvous with Mir, the Soviet space station, and a modest place in the history books. Miss Sharman, who beat

13,000 hopefuls to win the coveted space seat on the Juno mission, could be forgiven for feeling nervous at witnessing the eerie procession of Soyuz rocket and capsule, pushed by a small locomotive on the green rail transporter which the locals call Little Grasshopper.

The most reassuring sight on the capsule is the long white probe decked with small brown rockets on the side. If the rocket launch malfunctions, Commander Anatoli Artchavski will be able to fire these small rockets, hurling the capsule and its crew more than a mile to

safety. This will only be possible, however, in the first few seconds after launch as, when the Soyuz rocket gains the eight metres a second speed needed to break from Earth's gravitational pull, the force on the crew will make it impossible for them to move a muscle.

As the 15ft craft was eased upright yesterday on the launch pad into the arms of four supporting girders, technicians began swarming over the ship making final checks on the communication systems in preparation for fuelling as military personnel gathered to smile for family-album photo-

graphs. The Soviet Union may be in deep financial crisis and reforms may have stalled, but the country's formidable space programme continues with the pride of happier days despite funding cutbacks.

According to Colonel Nikolai Koshlovski, an amiable spokesman for the military, whose frame and face resemble a weather-beaten Bob Hoskins, all that stands between Miss Sharman and a liftoff tomorrow at 17.52 local time, are winds of 20mph or more.

Unlike the United States space agency, Nasa, which at the first hint of rain or low temperatures cancels flights, the Soviet Union prides itself on precision timing come wind, rain or temperatures as low as -20C.

The only other hitch could be a last-minute illness striking Miss Sharman or her two-man Soviet crew. Something as minor as a cut

or a runny nose would be enough to promote Major Timothy Mace, aged 35, and his two cosmonauts from bystanders to participants.

Today, Sir Rodric Braithwaite, the British ambassador in Moscow, is expected to arrive at Leninsk, the Central Asian garrison town near Baikonur, accompanied by two colleagues.

The town, founded in 1954 and built around a pretty square boasting salmon-coloured neo-classical buildings, an open-air shopping mall and the huge omnipotent presence of a statue of Lenin, was built to house the military personnel and their dependents who today number more than 100,000.

Colonel Koshlovski admits there is no coincidence that Baikonur has the same spelling as a town some 600 miles to the east. In the days of the Cold War, it satisfied the military to keep Baikonur and

Leninsk secret by confusing their positions on the map. Now trying to hide the location is less of a priority than attracting foreigners and foreign currency.

WASHINGTON: The American space programme suffered a setback this week when a congressional panel voted 6-3 to kill funding for a manned space station, Freedom. The vote followed months of criticism by politicians of the large Nasa budget while health and education projects lack funds (Susan Edicott writes).

The vote means the end of the station unless space lobbyists manage to sway Congress before the spending package is voted on next month. Supporters argue that a permanent manned station is needed by the end of the decade to maintain the United States' role in space after its decline since the first moon mission in 1969.

## Kurds may run Dahuk haven

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN AL-AMADIYEH NORTHERN IRAQ

KURDISH rebels in northern Iraq said yesterday that President Saddam Hussein would allow them to police the coalition-created "safe haven" as a *de facto* Kurdistan if the United Nations failed to take over from the allies.

Peshmerga guerrilla leaders believe coalition forces have abandoned their attempts to enter Dahuk, south of the present zone. "They had the opportunity and they let it go," said Ahmed Bamarni, of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan. But the rebels say Saddam might concede Dahuk to them.

Reports here on negotiations between rebel leaders and Saddam are optimistic. According to Kurdish sources, Saddam has already conceded the main demand that the Kurds in northern Iraq be able to maintain their own militia and police force. Baghdad's armed presence in northern Iraq would be limited to a frontier guard.

The one sticking point appears to be the percentage of oil revenue which northern Iraq would receive from the Kirkuk oil field. If the reports are confirmed, the Kurds returning from their refugee camps will have won for themselves *de facto* autonomy — much to the concern of the neighbouring states, Iran and Turkey.

Allied reluctance to move into Dahuk is partly explained by the fear of becoming further embroiled militarily. But there is also anxiety that securing Dahuk will unleash an uncontrolled return of refugees. Yesterday British officers were planning to create a second semi-permanent refugee camp in the Zap river valley near Dahuk.

## Baker leaves Israel with key issues unresolved

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

AMERICA'S peace initiative in the Middle East was left hanging by a thread yesterday as James Baker, the United States Secretary of State, flew home with key Arab-Israeli differences over a proposed peace conference unresolved.

Although Mr Baker put a brave face on the negligible results of his fourth visit to the region, the way forward appeared to be blocked by President Assad of Syria and Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister. Before leaving, after meeting Mr Shamir, Mr Baker said he hoped his plan for a regional peace conference to settle the Arab-Israeli dispute and the Palestinian question, was still possible and he intended to continue his efforts.

"There are, yes, some issues still out there to be resolved, and you are not going to have a conference until those issues are resolved," he said. Mr Baker emphasised that he had found areas of agreement between the Arab and Israeli sides. US officials even claimed that the question of Palestinian representation had been resolved, although they refused to elaborate.

However, Mr Baker admitted that the possible role of the United Nations in the process still had to be resolved as did the question of whether the conference would reconvene with the consent of all the parties. The remarks appeared to be aimed at Israel and Syria which disagree on who would attend a conference and its form, which left US diplomats convinced that neither is serious about peace.

In spite of considerable American pressure on Wednesday, during three rounds of talks, the Israeli leadership refused to accept UN participation at the negotiating table because of what it regards as a pro-Arab bias in the world body. It also insists that the proposed conference would convene only once for the ceremonial opening session and then break up into separate, bilateral negotiations. Syria has refused to attend a conference unless the UN is present and the meeting is intended primarily to force Israel to give up the land it captured during the 1967 war in return for peace, a concept Mr Shamir has rejected.

Mr Baker said he hoped to report to President Bush today. It is expected that a decision will then be taken on whether it will be constructive to continue the laborious peace efforts at ministerial level when the two sides show little inclination to compromise. Mr Baker's officials hinted that without firm results from this trip, it was unlikely that the US emissary would sacrifice as much time and energy on the subject.

## Fears grow on Beirut treaty

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

SYRIA'S increasing influence over Lebanon, where it has stationed 40,000 troops, has been formalised in a secret treaty approved by the Lebanese cabinet and is now awaiting ratification by both governments before the text is made public. The "Treaty of Brotherhood, Co-operation and Co-ordination" is regarded with suspicion by Israel.

Israeli sources claim that President Assad has used his improved relations with the West to impose Syrian hegemony over territory regarded by Damascus as part of greater Syria. During a long cabinet session in Beirut on Wednesday, three Christian ministers in the cabinet of Omar Karami voiced reservations about the draft.

KARL Otto Pöhl has announced that he will step down as president of the Bundesbank, four years before his term of office is complete, to spend more time with his family and to look after private interests.

He said that his decision to leave at the end of October after 11 years running the bank, and 21 years in public office, was prompted by "neither resignation nor frustration". Herr Pöhl would not confirm rumours he had been offered a job that would at least double the DM700,000 (£250,000) salary he is said to earn at the Bundesbank.

His departure follows a number of disagreements with the government over the past 18 months in which he has publicly criticised Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, for his policies on German and European economic union. Herr Pöhl is known to have been distressed by the way in which the independent Bundesbank was forced to agree to policies it believed were foolish economically. He continues to disagree with Herr Kohl on the pace of European economic and monetary union

(EMU), and may fear he will again lose the economic argument on political grounds.

Herr Pöhl's struggle to hold down inflation and maintain the stability of the mark will remain the keynote of economic policy. His successor, who should be named by the end of the month, will be chosen for the ability to ensure the continuity of this approach. Only two names are being canvassed so far. One is his deputy, Helmut Schle-



Pöhl announcing his departure yesterday

singer, aged 66, a dour but respected professional banker who could take over until he retires at the end of next year.

The favourite candidate, however, is Hans Tietmeyer, aged 59, a Christian Democrat and tough negotiator who was the successful policymaker at the finance ministry for much of the 1980s and who represented Germany at the regular meetings of the Group of Seven leading industrialised nations. In September 1988, he was nearly killed by the extremist Red Army Faction, which said he was responsible for mass misery in the Third World because of his role as a senior monetary official. Both men are very experienced and supporters of the government. They are also both known to consider the battle against inflation as the priority.

Herr Kohl yesterday praised "the good co-operation between bank and government which had produced a strong currency and a good economic situation in Germany" and he underlined "the clear guidelines" set out on EMU by Herr Pöhl.

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## Pöhl quits Bundesbank to put family life first

FROM IAN MURRAY IN FRANKFURT

## Hopefuls pay court to Mitterrand's loyal 'little soldier'

FROM PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

EDITH Cresson's first full day as France's first woman prime minister began with a visit to inspect her splendid new premises at the Hôtel Matignon and was due to end last night with the announcement of her cabinet. Inheriting a minority government from her predecessor, Michel Rocard, her room for manoeuvre, let alone bold choices, is limited and the ministerial line-up she assembles, after the usual haggling, is not expected to provide many surprises.

With characteristic regard for the proprieties, Mme Cresson took up temporary residence in the music salon at the bottom of the Matignon garden until the formal handover of power by M Rocard on Wednesday afternoon. A procession of past and present socialist ministers, plus a new crop of hopefuls, paid court to her there before she left for the Elysée Palace to present her team to President Mitterrand, her friend and patron.

Although Mme Cresson has triumphed over a tradition of French misogyny, she can have few illusions about the difficulties ahead once she gets

down to the wearing slog of her new job. She understands only too well that the change is taking place when the French economy is beginning to falter, with unemployment rising and growth tailing off.

Even so, there was understandable rejoicing at Mme Cresson's arrival among French feminists, with the president's wife, Danielle, expressing her "delight" at the appointment. To judge by comments from women in the streets in and outside Paris, President Mitterrand has further reinforced his popularity among female voters by elevating the faithful admirer whom he once described as "my little soldier".

Ambushed on the doorstep by a posse of television crews, Mme Cresson's husband, Jacques, a senior executive with the Peugeot group, said that he applauded the appointment and ducked questions about his wife's fierce views on the need to protect French industry — car makers very much included — from the marauding Japanese. The appointment, understandably, caused distress in Tokyo. "We hope there is a difference between her as prime minister and as a minister for European affairs," a Japanese foreign ministry official said tersely.

Reactions in the French press ranged from the witty headlines of *Libération* — "And God named a woman" — and *Le Quotidien* — "Matignon" — to the sour observation in the Communist Party's organ, *L'Humanité* that what France needs most is "a change of policy". From the deep provinces, where male chauvinism flourishes, came the voice of *Dernières Nouvelles d'Alsace*, wondering if Mme Cresson will turn out to be "a Thatcher or Joan of Arc", while *Ouest France* doubted that she was capable of "manhandling" legislation through a hostile parliament.

In her first television interview as prime minister, Mme Cresson seemed confident that she has the right stuff to provide the new impetus in government President Mitterrand is seeking. It is essential for France to match the economic clout of Germany, she said, noting with an expansive chop of the hand that productivity is now running at half of the German level. "We must do something fast."

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## Bible gets the Bart Simpson treatment

NEW YORK NOTEBOOK by Charles Bremner

If St Paul returned to preach at a shopping centre in, say, New Jersey, he would not reach the customers with any of those old metaphors about such things as cymbals and sounding brass. Instead, he would no doubt adopt the consumer prose of today's America, using such phrases as "don't be part of the problem, be part of the solution". He would tell people to "get real" and be "comfortable with" God and that holiness is "being there for" someone. His talk would be laced with "ultimate ironies" and "sharing experiences".

This is the approach adopted by America's venerable Bible Society in its New Contemporary English Version of the New Testament, a work that is being described as a scripture for the Bart Simpson generation. The Society, which started the colloquial trend a generation ago with its Good News Bible, went back to the original Old Testament Greek, reshuffled the sentences to simplify the meaning and stripped down the more complicated theological concepts such as grace. When St Paul tells the Romans of God's grace, the

CEV has him saying "But God is really kind".

A team of translators spent months watching television cartoons, trying to pick up the colloquial idiom. They steer clear of outright slang and jargon of the "get real" variety, but they come perilously close to parody. "The simple fact is that more people

text that would be readily understood when heard."

In the stripped down version, the Lord's prayer sounds thus: "Our Father in heaven, help us to honor your name. Come and set up your kingdom..."

Sometimes it seems that everyone in America is attending a support group to help them recover from some condition. This can range from the usual addictions to alcohol, drugs and food to dependence on more abstract ideas such as shopping, grieving and support groups themselves.

Murphy Brown, the reporter played by Candice Bergen in the popular show of that name is an AA graduate, as of course is Sam, the barman in *Cheers*, still the most popular programme on American television. In recent months, funeral homes have joined the business of so-called "survival services" although the idea of signing up for help from the people who do not appeal to everyone. Jessica Mitford, the author of the *American Way of Death*, attacked



hear the Bible read than read it for themselves," said the Rev Barclay Newman, the head of the translation team. "My concern was to produce a

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## Gandhi takes on populist role to win over voters

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN LUCKNOW, UTTAR PRADESH

RAJIV Gandhi, now shedding his security and playing the crowds, presented himself yesterday to the state that chooses prime ministers. To win India, he must win Uttar Pradesh.

Thousands who swarmed into a park where he was speaking found themselves cordoned off behind ropes, far away from the rostrum. The new Rajiv Gandhi protested theatrically that the masses were being kept away from him. "Let them come forward," he ordered. A huge cheer went up, and the void was quickly filled.

Mr Gandhi believes he lost

## Sino-Soviet agreement on frontier

Moscow — China and the Soviet Union, cementing ties after decades of ideological disputes, have signed an agreement covering their border in the east. Tass said it was signed in Moscow by the Chinese foreign minister, Qian Qichen, and his Soviet counterpart, Aleksandr Bessmertnykh.

The news agency said that the ceremony was attended by President Gorbachev and China's Communist party leader, Jiang Zemin, paying the highest level visit to the Soviet Union for 34 years. (Reuters)

## Kennedy denial

Quincy, Massachusetts — Joan Kennedy, former wife of Senator Edward Kennedy, pleaded not guilty to drunken driving charges. Mrs Kennedy, aged 55, an admitted alcoholic was arrested on Tuesday night after her vehicle was seen swerving on a motorway south of Boston. (Reuters)

## MP arrested

Dhaka — Bangladesh police have arrested Kazi Zafar Ahmed, the former prime minister under the deposed president, Hossain Muhammad Ershad. Mr Ahmed, who won a seat in this year's parliamentary elections, has been detained for an investigation into charges of corruption.

## Arms round-up

Nairobi — Somali police and militias have begun disarming inhabitants of the capital, Mogadishu, in an attempt to restore law and order. The official Mogadishu radio said that people armed with heavy and light weapons had been roaming the city.

## Gender benders

Tokyo — Two giant pandas born here in Ueno zoo were wrongly sexed for more than two years, its director admitted. Ton-ton, aged four, is now officially female, with its sibling, You-you, aged two, redesignated male. (Reuters)

the general election in 1989 because he was too aloof. This time, to the despair of security men, he has been driving himself in an open Jeep through the north, choking on dust and sweating in the heat along with everybody else. His Italian-born wife, Sonia, has frequently been by his side.

Mr Gandhi came to Lucknow, the state capital, to reveal himself as a man of the people. After dark, when travelling through the countryside, he shone a bright light on his face so sleepy villagers could catch a glimpse as he passed through, car horn blaring.

Although beaten almost everywhere in the north in 1989, the political backwaters of the south embraced him, saving him from a complete rout. Now he is looking back to the north, and particularly Uttar Pradesh, to return him to power in next week's general election and save his party from a possible split. This will be a make-or-break election for the former prime minister.

Uttar Pradesh, India's most populous state with 120 million people, sends 85 MPs to the 544-member lower house.

A man yelled at him from the crowd: "What about prices?" Mr Gandhi seized on the question, saying that the soaring cost of food was imposing severe hardship on the poor. To cheers, he promised to cut prices to the levels of last July. People seemed to believe him. "The relevant issues are stability and prices," he told reporters, smiling.

The battle to capture Uttar Pradesh is three-cornered, reflecting the battle to run India. The Janata Dal party, headed by V. P. Singh, the former prime minister, is fighting on a platform of job reservations for backward castes.

The hardline Hindu organisation, the Bharatiya Janata Party, is pledging to build a temple in Ayodhya on the site of an ancient Muslim shrine. But Mr Gandhi is convinced that the price of vegetables is a bigger electoral issue.

● Sikh killings: About ten Sikh gunmen with assault rifles murdered a communist leader, eight members of his family, and three bodyguards overnight at the village of Chela, near Amritsar, in the troubled northern state of Punjab. (Reuters)



Gandhi sees price of food as the key issue



Help at hand: a Bangladeshi doctor, Anjuman Islam, treating a baby suffering from diarrhoea at Chittagong children's hospital. The 120-bed hospital is attending to 2,000 babies at a time after last month's cyclone

## Mandela says violence may hit white areas

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

NELSON Mandela turned his back on his personal problems yesterday after the six-year prison sentence imposed on his wife, Winnie, and returned to dealing with the violence that is tearing apart black townships. He went to Kagiso township, outside Krugersdorp, west of Johannesburg, for a memorial service for the people killed in a squatter camp on Sunday by Zulus from local hostels.

Police say 29 people died, but the Kagiso residents' association claims that the death toll is at least 50. An average of 15 people a day have been killed this month in the war between supporters of African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party.

Mr Mandela, the deputy president of the ANC, said yesterday: "If the government allows the violence to continue because it has only been affecting black people, there is a danger it will spread to white areas." His address in Kagiso marked the expiry of his latest deadline for President de Klerk to ban Zulu Inkatha supporters from carrying "traditional" spears. He repeated that ANC talks with the government on constitutional reform would not go ahead unless a ban were imposed.

On Tuesday, Mr de Klerk and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Inkatha leader and chief minister of the Kwazulu homeland, held inconclusive talks in Cape Town about the weapons. The chief is saddled with a declaration by his fellow Zulu chiefs that there can be no compromise. The ANC national executive committee will meet today to consider action over the government's response to its ultimatum on violence. The ANC wants the disarming of Zulus, and the sacking of the law and order and defence ministers.

There were suggestions that Margaret Thatcher, visiting South Africa, might take an indirect role in negotiations. Although mistrusted by the ANC, she is a staunch admirer of Chief Buthelezi and might try to persuade him to make a concession over the spears in the interests of peace.

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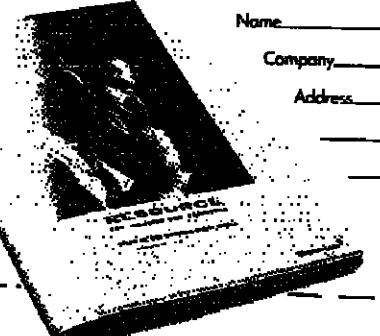
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## Bad vibrations as £30,000 vanishes

FROM RICHARD LONG IN WELLINGTON

NEW Zealand last night ordered an enquiry into an employment scheme which spent NZ\$90,000 (£30,000) on an operation to track and photograph ghosts and poltergeists.

Called "The Ghostbusters Scam" by officials, the scheme was detected only because the organiser, who received advance funds, was taken to court by ten employees who had not been paid. An embarrassed minister of employment, Morris McTigue admitted that the scheme could otherwise have continued to run for a year, drawing in NZ\$180,000 of taxpayers' funds.

"It is now time for me to cast my own aura over this," Mr McTigue said, announcing a formal enquiry and a review of other schemes in an attempt to weed out other rip-offs. Initial enquiries have indicated that junior officials in the Hamilton branch of the labour department approved the scheme after being taken in by the pseudo-scientific jargon of the application. Mr McTigue blamed the absence of the normal second-check procedure for letting

the application through. When shorn of the fancy jargon, he said the department had approved a scheme to identify ghosts, track them down and photograph them. "This is a serious misappropriation of funds," he said.

The application envisaged a concentration on pre-European Maori ghosts. It spoke of "paranormal ethnographical research" and "the quantitative investigation of religious and paranormal phenomena and indigenous peoples of the South Pacific".

The cornerstone of the scheme was given as the need to "develop quantum particle analysis of Kirlian-type energy fields". One principal line of enquiry was exploratory research into aspects of Kirlian photography to study the mechanical relationships of new energy structures on the body and the development of diagnostic equipment.

Kevin Barnard, aged 28, the part-time student and "paranormal scientist" who devised the scheme was not available for comment. He had "gone sailing" for the holidays, his intimates said.



# All about Eve, bluestocking in stilettos

Eve Pollard subscribes to the pneumatic school of feminism. The philosophy, also espoused by Madonna, reconciles the opposing positions of being respected as a career woman and displaying your underwear up front. Both women wear loads of make-up, and make loads of money.

Ms Pollard, who took over as editor of the *Sunday Express* this week, claims she is toning down her image now as the editor of a broadsheet newspaper. The celebrated cleavage, she says, has had to go. The neckline has risen in proportion to responsibility. Today, the neckline is almost chin-height, for this is the first day of editorship. An apposite word, editorship, because Ms Pollard is dressed as a sea captain, in a navy short skirt and jacket with gold buttons and braid. No one doubts who is boss. Disappointingly, she refuses to be photographed in full military regalia, preferring to proffer a selection from her own glamour file.

To discuss Ms Pollard without investigating her image and dress sense would be a great loss, first in terms of entertainment, and second because it is an integral part of the way she operates. Consider a male editor on his first day in a new job - will he wear the grey suit or the brown? Whereas Ms Pollard, deep in her wardrobes, has the very thing to penetrate the subconscious of *Sunday Express* Newsman, who somehow begins to fear courtmartial if he slips up.

Some fun is clearly going to be had at this newspaper, mostly by its editor, who is as out of place in the polite and quiet office as a television blaring *Dallas* in the British Library reading room.

Already, she is sniffing for action. She parades down to the art desk to advise them she wants every finished page layout delivered to her office, and within seconds she is all over the books page like a rash. The designer appears to be putting a picture of Ron Pollard (no relation), the not entirely hunky, middle-aged bookie, at the top, as well as a cartoon of him. Other pictures on the art desk include a Range Rover and an inside-the-SAS-type book cover, typical *Sunday Express* manly fodder. But the editor wants Marlon Brando. Now, at the top of the page. "Make it big," she says. "Which do you think is the sexiest picture?"

At this point we can only thank God that most of the paper's three million readers from the Seventies are in their graves, where there will be much turning. Now, with circulation at 1.6 million, below the rival *Mail on Sunday*, the paper's older readership profile is a growing problem. Remember, *Sunday Express* readers were once nicknamed Twinkies, because they

Kate Muir talks to Eve Pollard, the new editor of the *Sunday Express*, about cleavage and coercion, readership and leadership, and the dangers of applause

were the sort of people who arrived two hours early for a train departure.

"They have this image of being hang 'em, shoot 'em and flog 'em, gruff, pipe-smoking squires with waistcoats," Ms Pollard says. "It's not that I object to any of those people reading the paper. There's nothing wrong with older readers - they have a lot of money and a lot of free time for leisure. I don't want to alienate them. I just want to replace the ones who are dying."

Here on death row, the flowers have just been delivered. Seven bouquets, not wreaths, to congratulate Ms Pollard on her new job. The room is heady with scent, including her own. You sit, as her staff will, on a low sofa. She towers on a high chair behind the desk.

Are the staff, the little people down here, in for a shock? "I don't intend to be shocking. I don't operate on that kind of creative tension and division. I generally think people want to produce stuff the editor coos over." Coos beats coercion. Mostly, "Every now and then you find someone that just doesn't agree with you, and they may not be wrong but you just have to believe you're right."

Conviction makes a good editor, particularly one up against Robert Maxwell. For Ms Pollard's job for the last three years has been as editor of the *Sunday Mirror*, where she increased the circulation from 2.6 million to nearly 3 million, and expertly fielded Mr Maxwell's forays into editorial. "I think because it was a Sunday paper and a successful paper, I didn't get much interference. I mean every now and then Maxwell and I would have an enormous barney, where I shouted back at him."

But being handpicked by Mr Maxwell meant she was always fairly popular. Being female may also have helped. "He once shouted at me on the telephone, and the next time I saw him he was sort of hanging... he was sweet. Often on Saturday he'd ring to ask what the splash was and

he'd say: 'But do you really think they'll be interested in that?' And I'd say: 'Yes, Bob, they will.' Then the sales would prove it."

Ms Pollard admits her reputation for newswoman terrorism is at least slightly deserved. "Every now and then I feel really angry and I let go. But it only lasts five minutes, and it's immediately forgotten. People say: 'Look at this woman. She eats men for breakfast and spits them out at lunch.'"

She laughs. "I'd quite like to be able to do that."

Private Eye calls her Lady Pollard, because she is married to newly-knighted editor of the *Daily Express* Sir Nick Lloyd-Lloyd, then editor of a Labour-supporting paper, was not displeased by her title.

"But I'll never forget, queuing up in the endless boxer shorts line at Marks & Spencer at Christmas, knowing Nick had got this going, and thinking: 'How is this helping me now?'"

Ms Pollard admits she learnt a lot from her husband, particularly when she gave up her job and followed him to New York in 1985. She watched him work, listened to the way he talked, and stored it up. That was fortunate, because she was offered her first editor's job a few weeks later, launching *American Elle*. Which led her, in the end, to an office in the same Blackfriars Bridge building as her husband. Sir Nick rings from downstairs for permission to visit Lady Lloyd in her suite overlooking the Thames. "I'll give you five minutes," she says.

Some men fear Ms Pollard. So do some women, which is strange because in person she is low-voiced, charming and amusing. She does not take herself too seriously, reserving that for her work, and hopes people judge her in the end on that rather than her appearance. But along with the two other women editors, Patsy Chapman of the *News of the World*, and Bridget Rowe, who takes over at the *Sunday Mirror*, she remains one of Fleet Street's favourite caricatures. Perhaps it is because they are all

blonde - "some more naturally than others," Ms Pollard adds. "Would you categorise male editors because six were bald or six wore glasses?" she asks. A film, *Killer Bimbas on Fleet Street*, was made by the BBC last year to celebrate the breakthrough of the woman editor. She had hoped it would discuss the still paltry numbers of women in newspapers, and whether their salaries as editors were on a par with men's. Instead it mainly concentrated on filming the Pollard stockings and fin stiletto heels striding around the office, in contrast to the quaking brogues all around.

"Posh men, for want of a better word, are easier to deal with," she says. At the *Sunday Mirror* she constantly found the printers would ring up and say: "Yes, love," or "We're doing that, dear." On good days she put up with it, but on bad days she wanted to scream: "I'm not your love or your dear. I'm your editor." She refrained, because she wanted the paper to keep printing.

She has noticed that some men are emasculated by her presence. Some think it is fun working with her, but others cannot cope. "They can't relate to you. You're not their wife, or their daughter, and you're certainly not their mother, so what kind of a being are you?"

The answer is, of course, a bluestocking. This may seem odd, but the young Eve was a quiet, bookish girl. She had rather a lonely childhood in St John's Wood in London, sandwiched between two couples - her parents above, and her younger twin brothers beneath.

She read incessantly, wrote poetry from the age of 12, and became fascinated by the written word. (So much so that she now appears on an afternoon television show, *Countdown*, helping the compere with word quizzes.)

Her Hungarian father, from whom one suspects she gets her temperament, worked with her mother running a company. "He was wildly charming and would drive people scatty and my mother would go in and smooth the waters after he had terrible rows with people." So Mrs Pollard, a working mother, provided a strong role model, even though Mr Pollard would not allow his daughter to go to university because he thought women should be decorative. So she left school aged 18 to work in a publishing house, and worked her way up through women's magazines.

Now 46, and at the pinnacle of her career, a new seriousness has entered her life. She would not mind editing a quality broadsheet such as *The Times* one day, she thinks. There is also the business



High minded: Eve Pollard is marking the move to a broadsheet by giving up "low fronts"

of giving up what she refers to as "low fronts". "I do feel if you're telling someone to do a job, you shouldn't be trying to give out two messages at once. I'm quite boring and seemly now."

At the top, there is always the fear of becoming detached from reality. "It is quite dangerous. You get chaffed to the office, you go everywhere with a driver and a car phone. You're in an office on your own, and everyone is saying:

"I wonder what she thinks." It is dangerous to hear applause, and have people massaging your ego."

She is in fact describing the symptoms of Mad Editor's Disease, as insulation leads inexorably to insanity. "Fortunately I have two children at home, and they bring me down to earth. They don't give a damn about sales figures. They want to talk about turtles and Arsenal, or whatever.

And my husband brings me down a peg or two."

How long though, can she hold out against the encroaching megalomania? When Sir John Junor, her most famous predecessor, was editing the paper, an employee described the *Sunday Express* as "the paper always peering nervously down the bosom of the next generation". Ms Pollard will throw such caution to the wind, and have a good stare.

## TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

Green grow the thistles: Paul Heiney declares war on weeds and discovers that, for the organic farmer, Nature can sometimes be less than maternal.

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## Dancing with the queen of Cannes

A gatecrasher finds Madonna exudes not pure sex but precision engineering

AS MADONNA'S stretch Mercedes swept past the paparazzi outside the Hotel du Cap and began to descend the coast road towards Cannes, I lurched into first gear and neatly tucked in behind the last limousine in the convoy. The police-escorted cavalcade was bound for the Palm Beach casino, where Madonna was throwing a £300,000 party to launch her film *Truth or Dare*. In *Bed with Madonna*, my invite had obviously been lost in the post.

I am not a good driver and, in view of my suspect brakes, I switched on my hazard lights as we cut through the crowds at Juan-les Pins like a high-speed funeral convoy. I wanted to crash Madonna's party, not pile into her car. About a mile from Cannes, I somehow lost the limousine.

As it happened, I had no trouble getting in. Walking through the throng of fans and photographers outside the casino I was mistaken for a VIP by *Entertainment Tonight* and given a ten-minute interview. I think they confused me with the British actor Rupert Everett, a chum of Madonna's, who was standing around in leopard print slippers looking lost.

The party was in the Mogambo Club, next to the casino's chic salons privés. The champagne was vintage. There was a choice of five malt whiskies. There was dancing under the stars with the stars. Tina Turner, Eddie Murphy, Mike Tyson's former wife Robin Givens et al, on an outdoor dance floor surrounded by fountains and private pavilions.

Shortly after Madonna arrived, wearing a sequinned black top, stockings and hot pants and looking as though she had just used black treacle for shampoo, she took to the dance floor. She strutted and grooved with a French dancer

and Roman Polanski, the Cannes jury chairman, surrounded by a small circle of minders. I was surprised to be let through into the ring. Madonna glanced at me with a look that said: "OK, you lanky English smart ass, show me your stuff."

I suddenly had an overwhelming desire to be John Travolta. Unfortunately, I have never been a good dancer. As I wobbled about (I am flat-footed), Madonna gyrated in front of me so hard her earrings kept falling on to the floor.

Was I overwhelmed by desire? Well, as she twisted, jumped and turned herself inside out, revealing her designer subtle armpits, and with sweat dribbling down her back, I did admire her energy. But if her dancing is anything to go by, then going anywhere near her bedroom would be highly dangerous.

Her arms and legs moved like pistons. While I was admiring her human engineering she started on some weird back to back twisting with her French dancing friend and I knew I was out of my depth. She was doing the lambada - a form of sex on the dance floor. I beat a retreat.

Not being a regular of international showbiz parties I would say from my debut that most are a Cocktail of the Non-Enties. Apart from the few dozen household names, the vast majority of guests (presumably film industry executives) looked bored and walked about aimlessly on their own. And seemed to leave on their own. And another odd thing. Stars like Eddie Murphy sit inside their small pavilions and never come out. I peeked inside and he was wearing sunglasses. It was pitch black outside.

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Galleries: In the elegant porticos of St James's, John Russell Taylor reviews six summer exhibitions of Old Masters

# Bewitched at the site of St James's

Contemporary art inevitably attracts most attention in London's commercial galleries, though not necessarily the largest sales. It is easy to forget that, in the St James's area alone, there is usually a stronger concentration of Old Masters for sale than in any comparable area elsewhere in the world. But every now and again the galleries that specialise in art of the past remind us of their existence by mounting a show, usually in the summer months. The effect is often spectacular.

A number are on at present. The critic's heart may sink at a title like *Five Centuries of Old Master Paintings* (at Harari & Johns), but only because such total miscellanies are hard to write about without descending to flower-show catalogue style. Nevertheless, the visitor will find pictures here of remarkable interest, even of museum quality: the extraordinary *St George* by Dosso Dossi, for example, rediscovered in 1975, has a mystery and drama that demonstrates the influence of Giorgione.

On a less demanding level, there are several charming landscapes and *capricci* by Guardi and other Venetians. And the questionably titled *Elegant Company Outside the Portico of a Country Mansion* by Jan Joseph Horemans the Elder is delightful, even as it encourages reflections on the erratic standards of rustic elegance.

A more consistent approach is offered when the dealer selects a theme or, better still, a single artist. For its summer show, Heim has put together *The Painted Word*, which re-examines a recently not-too-fashionable area of British painting: historical painting of the 18th and 19th century. It is supported by a splendid catalogue, listing the chosen images in chronological order of exhibition or publication. Thus it

constitutes a history of taste and influence by knowing exactly when a particular image of a certain event became current, one can trace more effectively who influenced whom, and where and how fashions in such subjects started.

Admittedly the catalogue is, in some respects, more impressive than the show because lack of space means some of the entries could not be exhibited. Moreover, many of the most telling images

*'By knowing when an image became current, one can trace how fashions in such subjects started'*

are taken from engravings of the time. They are engravings of successful paintings; it is true, but still the effect is slightly inside-out: contemporary reproductions may be historically fascinating but they stop short of the real thing.

Some of the paintings themselves indicate the limitations as much as the merits of such painters as Richard Westall, in whose *Edward the Black Prince at the Head of the English Army* the effective and the silly go disconcertingly cheek-by-jowl. On the other hand, there can be few complaints about the sure dramatic (if not melodramatic) sense of John Opie, whose *The Death of Archbishop Sharpe* and *Gil Blas Taking the Key from Dame Leonarda in the Bandit's Cavern*

are well designed, and painted without bathos. Thomas Stothard's tiny oil sketch *Sin and Death at the Gates of Hell* is unequivocally fine, and the power of such Fuseli images as the striking *The Three Witches appear to Macbeth and Banquo*, even in print form, does give cause to regret that there is no first-rate example of his painting included.

The fine show of Adam Pynacker (Richard L. Feigen) owes its existence to the fortuitous presence of two works by this 17th-century Dutch master on the market. To give these context, the dealers have put together a tiny but perfect exhibition of just 11 pictures, the other nine being borrowed from such distinguished sources as the Dulwich Picture Gallery and the Talbot Rice Art Centre.

They indicate amply why Pynacker was so popular with his countrymen at the time and with collectors elsewhere (particularly Britain) in subsequent centuries. Pynacker went to Italy early in his career, and came back with a vision of the sun-bathed Roman *campagna* which haunted his painting for the rest of his life. The way the golden glow suffuses the (no doubt largely imaginary) landscapes is magical, and calculated to appeal to collectors in the chilly north. Pynacker's entire, irresistible oeuvre is here in microcosm.

Two other shows are, in a sense, on the margins of fine art, but are so telling that they obliterate such distinctions. At Hazlitt, Gooden and Fox there is a tribute, done with the gallery's usual impeccable taste, to the arts of The Bibiena Family and their Followers. They — at least three generations of them — were the most influential theatrical designers in Europe during the second half of the 17th and first half of the 18th



Interpretative sights: Henry Fuseli's *The Three Witches appear to Macbeth and Banquo*, in an engraving by James Caldwell

centuries, working mostly in sumptuous circumstances for court theatres and the like. Some were architects, and architectural habits of thinking are strongly marked in the work of them all, even when they are indulging in illusionism as crazy and logic-defying as Piranesi in his *Carceri*. There is one drawing in this show, by a follower, which looks as though Escher had somehow stepped back two centuries. Most of the family proper are more discreet; even so, their designs are of a wondrous intricacy: the *Hall of State with Mirrors* attributed to Antonio Galli Bibiena is satisfy-

ingly eye-teasing, and elsewhere their ability to lead the spectator into speculation about what can lie beyond the magic portals is as effective in the design as it must have been in the theatre.

The tribute to the kindred powers of the Valadier family at Artemis is the result of a recent rediscovery. The Valadiers also went through three generations of artists, dominating silver-smithing in Rome for most of the 18th century. Their styles range through the generations from a hefty sort of rococo which is still almost baroque to an opulent neoclassicism that looks forward to

the French Empire.

In 1989 a cache of more than a hundred designs by various members of the family was found in south Germany, never before seen in public. For this first exhibition Artemis has gathered in addition ten major pieces of Valadier workmanship, most of them made to commission for British noblemen of the time. Moreover, the Sarti Gallery has on show a giant table-centre in the "imperial" style, by Giuseppe Valadier, representing a forum in semi-precious stones and gilt bronze. Vulgar? Maybe a little, but at this stage caveats seem superfluous.

*Five Centuries of Old Master Paintings* Harari & Johns, 12 Duke Street, London SW1 (071-839 7671). Mon-Fri 10am-6pm.  
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## RECORDS: ROCK AND JAZZ

### Issues from the intellect

Elvis Costello: *Mighty Like a Rose* (Warner Bros 7599-25575-2)  
Richard Thompson: *Rumor and Sigh* (Capitol 7 95713 2)

ELVIS Costello may have ditched his whimsical geek look in favour of a more organic, got-10p-for-a-cup-of-tea-mate image, but there is no mistaking the typically overwrought performing style and consumptive grumpiness which he brings to bear on *Mighty Like a Rose*.

The trouble with this album, like its predecessor *Spike*, released two years ago, is Costello's neurotic style of songwriting. Applying a barrage of hyperactive embellishments to some pretty dreary themes, he loses sight of the simple resonances which inform the best pop music. "The Other Side of Summer" is so

loaded with intricate word-play and over-clever references to the stylised harmonies of the Beach Boys that the tune can barely walk.

"You haven't earned the weariness that sounds so laden on your tongue," he tells the protagonist in "All Grown Up". Yet the listener is not spared Costello's own jaundiced *Weltanschauung* in a bombardment of po-faced litmanies. "Invasion Hit Parade" is a harangue on the issue of cultural imperialism. "Harpies Bizzare" is a viciously cynical depiction of the dating and mating game. "After the Fall" a jack-in-the-box in a Leonard Cohen vein, and so on.

Larded throughout with self-conscious idiosyncrasies, such as the several pointless brass band "interludes", this is a largely sterile exercise in

the substitution of intellectual clout for soul.

Richard Thompson is a man armed with the technique to write songs twice as complicated as those of Elvis Costello and similarly beset by a burning inner rage. Yet the plangent tone and sleek economy of a song like "I Misunderstood" from *Rumor and Sigh* communicates more in one verse than Costello's rhymes do over the course of a whole sitting.

This is Thompson's first album since his 1988 release *Annexa*, and it marks a slight but noticeable shift of the spotlight away from the taut, acidic guitar motifs towards the taut, acidic words and melodies of the songs as a whole. There is a tough blueswailing solo in the comically quasi-metal "Backlash Love Affair", but otherwise



Overwrought style: Costello

the guitar tends to be held in reserve for moments such as the understated but devastating coda of "Why Must I Plead?" "Grey Walls" and "Mystery Wind".

He still has a chip on his shoulder about women and there is a persistent misogynist streak running through his lyrics, but Thompson's album beguiles the ear and moves the heart with a broad sweep of songs that range from the itchy rock 'n' roll belt of "You Dream Too Much" to the jokey trad-folk of "Don't Sit on my Jimmy Shands". Innovative, imaginative, entertaining and pertinent; really there is no praise too high for *Rumor and Sigh*.

DAVID SINCLAIR

### Illuminating red tones of brass

Henry "Red" Allen: *World on a String* (Bluebird N382457)  
Ken Peplowski: *Illuminations* (Concord CDD-4449)  
Gene Harris/Philip Morris Superband: *World Tour 1990* (Concord CDD-4443)

HENRY Allen started his career as one of the rip-roaring New Orleans trumpeters who came along in the Twenties in the footsteps of Louis Armstrong. By the time of his death 40 years later, he was very much his own man with his own contingent of disciples. Even some of the avant-gardists came to pay homage.

*World on a String* is a vintage collection of three sessions from 1957. Amid the roster of familiar titles — from "Sweet Lorraine" and "St James Infirmary" to "Wonderful" — Allen spits out solos with the vitality of a 20-year-old. "I Cover the Waterfront" is the *tour de force*. The choruses caper on and on, never running short of inspiration and turning the original theme into a grand, brassy aria. Allen's control of tone, his use of smears and his rhythmic flair are astonishing.

The sidemen are equally assured. This was one of Allen's rare meetings with the great Coleman Hawkins and the results lived up to expectation. Hawkins is playful on the

up-tempo numbers; it goes without saying that ballads bring out the best of his billowing tenor saxophone. Cozy Cole and Everett Barksdale — two men who could play this repertoire in their sleep — keep the rhythm section throbbing at full steam.

Allen and Hawkins were the type of larger-than-life, hard-living characters who might have stepped out of the pages of a Chester Himes novel. Today's aspiring swing and mainstream players are bound to seem faintly monochrome by comparison, even if their level of technical accomplishment is as high as ever.

There is no point expecting anyone to scale the heights of a Hawkins or Lester Young. But the tradition will not die out as long as there are talents such as the American reedsman

Ken Peplowski. He made a strong impression during his visit to this country earlier in the year. Even so, there was always the lingering thought that he would sound even better with his own group, rather than the pick-up bands on his tour.

That is borne out on *Illuminations*, on which he leads a quintet featuring Howard Alden on guitar and Junior Mance on piano. Mance is a spikier rhythm player than most of the usual Concord personnel, while Alden's light, versatile touch has made him an essential component of Ruby Braff's trio.

As for Peplowski, he seems intent on avoiding easy classification. One minute he is reminding the listener of Buddy DeFranco, the next he is playing crisp alto saxo-

phone. The fact that he can jump from one reed instrument to another gives the album an extra dimension. So, too, does his choice of standards, among them Kitty Kelley's favourite, "Nancy with the Laughing Face".

In terms of guest stars, big bands do not come much bigger than the unit which backed the blues pianist Gene Harris on his *World Tour 1990*. This Australian concert easily eclipses the hesitant New York recording issued last year. Harris is an extrovert in the Lionel Hampton mould, so it makes sense to open up with "Air Mail Special". The arrangements are classy in spite of the problems of finding space for so many celebrities.

CLIVE DAVIS

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Excluding the public from its cultural heritage on snobbish grounds is inexcusable and short-sighted, says Janet Daley

The crucial question for the new Director of the British Museum, Dr Robert Anderson, is the most fundamental one of all: what are museums for? That this is a matter of contention is a sign of the times, and not merely in the crude political sense which some partisans in the debate would have us believe. Defenders of museums as repositories for scholarly research have attempted to bar any opposition with the brush of Thatcherite commercialism.

They are now being asked to address themselves to a wider public whose interest, even if unimpaired, must be welcomed. It has suited the academic lobby to depict this as a Thatcherite assault by philistines obsessed with cost-effectiveness. In the fanatically anti-government climate of the 1980s, any attack on elitism could easily be branded anti-intellectual populism.

The great museums are collections of objects which were accumulated as often as not by imperial plunder, but which now constitute a priceless record of cultural history. Who has a right of access to that history is at the heart of the current controversy. For the day has arrived (surprisingly late, some would say) when the existence of museums can no longer be justified by the function they serve in arcane scholarship.

Elizabeth Esteve-Coll, the controversial director of the V&A, brought a flood of abuse upon her own head by daring to suggest that it was part of the museum's responsibility to make its treasures accessible to non-specialists. Having unleashed the fury of the curators who saw a threat to their privileged relationship with the aristocracy, she was forced to expend all her energy defending a new administrative order. Sadly, this meant that the real argument about the role of the museums was never pursued.

## Popular museums can be scholarly too

This dispute goes beyond the question of how museums are to earn their keep. Pressurising them into making money by popularising themselves may have been the starting point, but in the end, we find ourselves confronting the most basic problem of a democratic culture.

The position has become so caricatured that it is necessary to state the obvious to place artefacts in a context which makes their original function clear — offering a presentation which goes some way to explaining the nature of the objects in their historical setting — is not to degrade a museum's seriousness of purpose.

Traditional exhibition policy at institutions such as the V&A and the British Museum could, if anything, be criticised on the opposite grounds. Many of the objects in their collections were created not as "art works" at all. In their original incarnations they were mundane things — cooking pots, hunting implements, building tools — or the accoutrements of religious ritual, whose forms had a specific significance to the community.

To place such objects in glass cases and fetter them aesthetically, isolating them from the world of meaning in which they were conceived, is to misrepresent them.



New man in Bloomsbury: Robert Anderson must balance research and display

Philip Howard

## A little mayhem of my own

So mum's the word for the election date. We could avoid a lot of shrill and tedious speculative chatter in the press if we agreed to hold our elections at regular intervals, like every other sensible democracy. As it is, in the infinite wisdom of our constitutional case law, mum's the word — which will not prevent millions of siller words being expended until the prime minister finally names the day.

It is a funny, old-fashioned locution, but I think "mum's the word" is still current English, just about. The roots of our language, politics and social behaviour run far deeper than we suppose. The conventional etymology is that mum, in the sense of silence, is about 600 years old in English. Langland used it. The most famous citation of it is the fool's ditty in *Leur*: "Mum, mum / He that keeps not crumb nor crumb / Weary of all, shall want some."

The scholars say that it is an echoic word that imitates the inarticulate sound made with closed lips, especially as an indication of inability or unwillingness to speak, and they compare it to the similar German word *mummen*. But I suggest that there is a root of the word curving 14 centuries further back than the experts suspect, to a chap with the funny name of Lucius Mummus.

He was the Roman general who finally destroyed the Achaean Confederacy, and sacked and looted Corinth in 146 BC, shipping the treasures of Greece back to Rome. He was a good-humoured philistine. When he was picking personal slaves from among the prisoners, he asked a boy to write something in the sand, to test his education. The boy, recognising that the glory that was Greece had sunk beneath the new masters of the world, wrote in the sand Odysseus' haunting lines, when he was shipwrecked yet again: "Ahi thrice and four times happy those Greeks whose hearts lie still, on the great plains of the Trojans to work the Atreides will." It is better in Homer, but even in English it makes the hairs on the back of my neck bristle.

Mummus became a byword in Rome as the man who had imported into the *macho* culture the poorer arts and graces of Greece, including mimes and

other theatrical performances. Two hundred years later, when the Emperor Nero was shocking priggish Romans with his passion for drama and by appearing upon the public stage in person, there was a political debate about the propriety of Romans going to the theatre. Tacitus reported the row. Supporters of theatricals were saying: "Two hundred years have passed since the Triumph of Lucius Mummus — who first gave that sort of show here — and during that time no upper-class Roman has ever demeaned himself by professional acting."

The first theatrical performances in England were brought to London by the mimes and mummings among our Roman ancestors. I think there may be a vestigial echo down the centuries of Mummus in our word mum. The punning deodorant slogan mum's the word may echo the old Roman thing.

You can find (or imagine) antique roots everywhere beneath the surface of our tangled old language. Take that other odd-looking m-word, mayhem. The orthodox doctrine is that it came into English from Norman French in the 15th century, and is connected with a nest of words growing out of mad, such as maim and mangle. But words do not spring up without roots, and I think mayhem also has a root going back 14 centuries, to biblical and Jewish history, as much English legal usage does.

You remember the first Roman war of the Jews in the Sixties of the first millennium? In it a guerrilla leader called Menahem from Galilee stormed the supposedly impregnable Roman fortress at Masada. He then captured Herod's palace with massacre and horrid atrocity. Before long he himself was kidnapped. "Menahem himself fled to Ophel, and while hiding ignominiously there, was taken alive, dragged into the open, and put to death by prolonged torture." I suggest that Menahem became a byword for wanton slaughter and havoc, and influenced the development of the family of words around mad and maim, producing mayhem.

The good thing about folk etymology is that it is difficult to prove anything right or wrong.

The astute Lord Hanson's decision to publicise his interest in the mighty Imperial Chemical Industries may herald the start of the final chapter in the business downfall of ICI's chairman, Sir Denys Henderson.

If Hanson succeeds in his widely-tipped takeover bid for Britain's biggest manufacturing company, he will provide a fascinating insight into the discreet way such matters are disposed of at the highest levels of what used to be known as the Establishment.

Now 69, Lord Hanson has let it be known that he wishes to crown his glittering career with a corporate coup of breathtaking proportions. Nothing would better fit the bill than the conquest of ICI, once regarded as an immovable pillar of corporate Britain.

Through the offices of Sir Michael Richardson, the vice-chairman of the N.M. Rothschild merchant bank and chairman of Smith New Court, one of the most successful securities houses, Hanson has kept in close touch with the edifying emotions of the City of London. The signals emanating from that quarter in the past few months have suggested that Sir Denys has too few friends in the ranks of influential bankers, analysts and fund managers.

Sir Denys once appeared in a TV advertisement with the Dulux dog, and is credited with inventing unspoken shades of white paint. But in the past year he has found himself increasingly isolated in the company boardroom and beyond, as profits have sagged and remedies have been scarce.

Last year, Sir Denys, an Aberdeen-educated solicitor who joined the company after national service, said: "I believe ICI is well positioned to capitalise on the opportunities of the 1990s and that we are sufficiently robust to cope with the inevitable discontinuities." But in the 1990 annual report, published this April, he admitted: "When I suggested that I saw no return to the dark days of recession, I was clearly wrong." ICI's profits fell by more than a third last year, and again by more than half in the first three months of 1991.

A brilliant political and financial gambler could oust ICI's plodding managers. William Kay watches a predator about to spring



office bully into the bargain. To the uninitiated, it seems obvious that in such circumstances the board of ICI should change its chairman; but that would be suicidal, especially for an apparently impenetrable monolith such as ICI, which was formed in the first wave of corporate mergers in the early part of this century, along with BP, Shell, Unilever and the BBC. In those days, Britain was becoming increasingly conscious of the need to weld its industrial groups together to compete on equal terms with their German and American counterparts. Whether ICI should now be broken up in the face of even stiffer world competition is a question that Lord Hanson must answer convincingly.

Rather than increase uncertainty and run the risk of a takeover bid, boards of directors often prefer to soldier on in the hope that the desired change can be presented as part of a grand strategic plan.

ICI is vulnerable today precisely because the latest strategy has failed. Sir John tried to steer the group away from bulk commodity chemicals and into specialty chemicals with higher profit margins, hoping that these would be less affected by the economic cycle. But they have not been.

To this plan, Sir Denys has lent his marketing expertise, while bravely investing more in research and development for the long term. But City memories these days are short. Many companies complain that they cannot plan

years ahead, as the Japanese do, because of the danger to which ICI is now exposed.

If the coup succeeds — and we are still in the preparatory stages — those who can claim to have been part of the Hanson team will be able to dine off the experience, for years, and burnish their curricula vitae for good measure.

Harder to gauge, and therefore all the more intriguing, is the likely reaction of Whitehall. Here too, Hanson has been assiduous in courting decision-makers. His company is a considerable contributor to the Conservative party. Sir Michael Richardson is one of the merchant bankers who has been most actively involved in the privatisation campaign over the past decade. Hanson even occasionally swaps staff with Bucking-

ham Palace, indicating that he has friends in even higher places.

We can be sure that Lord Hanson and his emissaries will have been making soundings over quiet lunches and dinners for months past, to see how a bid for ICI might be received. Nothing too overt, but plenty of veiled references over the smoked salmon, accompanied by oblique smiles and nods. Even with such friendships, though, a bid for ICI could take a political buffet in what may yet be a general election year. One or two Labour MPs have already been talking into the telephone, declaring that a bid for ICI would be undesirable, but Neil Kinnock and his senior colleagues will weigh up the pros and cons before trying to make it an election issue.

A reference to the Monopolies Commission is possible because of ICI's sheer size, but Hanson has no important chemical activities, so a takeover would not create a monopoly. Strong arguments will be advanced that ICI will benefit from Hanson's more rigorous management, although past form suggests he might also preside over the breaking of a world industrial leader, throwing thousands out of work. The outcome will not be apparent for a year or more, however, so short-term political considerations may let Hanson off the hook.

Neil Kinnock may calculate that outside the constituencies containing ICI factories, few votes will be earned by becoming embroiled in a complex and prolonged takeover battle. He may prefer to save his energies for simpler targets, such as the National Health Service.

Win or lose, life will never be the same again at ICI's imposing headquarters a few hundred yards along Millbank from Parliament. The company's image of invulnerability is irreparably damaged, and the mere threat of conflict is generating unprecedented introspection along the management corridors. Cries of "Where did we go wrong?" are echoing across the Thames. The answer is that they hoped to get out of this tangle without too many people noticing, but the luck ran out.

Hanson is gambling on having struck at the best time in both the political and business cycles, hoping to attack ICI at its weakest while politicians are preoccupied by a weightier matter: their own survival.

...and moreover

## ALAN COREN

It will have come to your attention that fear stalks the Upper Chamber. Their Noble Lordships are afraid to go to work. More precisely, they are afraid to drive to work. This is because of the possibility that, between the place they live in and the Other Place they toil in, people will hurl themselves on their cars, and attempt to clean their noble windcreens.

So dire is this threat that Tuesday was spent debating what was to be done about it. Lords and ladies, keen to keep the nation's streets safe for old SS men to strut, sprout gooseflesh at the thought that, at any traffic light, malefactors will spring out and do unspeakable things with squeezes, often demanding as much as 50p for the service. How could this be stopped? Report them for threatening behaviour, cried a distraught Baroness Nicol, but this was unacceptably mimsy to Lord Nugent of Guildford, who favoured thrashing them with a walking-stick, to which there were robust cries of "Hear! Hear!" from the chamber (and very possibly "Sieg Heil" from one or two old radio listeners at home).

Dear God, what a short-sighted lot Their Lordships are! How can they fail to recognise that this rare spark of youthful enterprise should be not merely welcomed, but encouraged? Fanned into the torch of public service it betokens? For not only should screenwashing itself not be stopped, things should not be allowed to stop there.

Take yesterday. You know

how it is when you park a car beneath a tree overnight. I do not have to draw pictures. We are all men of the world. So I got into the car, and I switched on the wash/wipe, but because it did what it always does: it left a bit. I then got out again and did what I always do. This left me with a clean windscreen and a full thumbnail. There was nothing more to be done. I did not take a credit card out of my wallet to empty my thumbnail, because if I had wanted what was in the thumbnail to be on the card, I would have used the card on the windscreen. I have done this in the past, and I have then stood around looking for something to wipe the card on, because you do not want what is on the card to be in your wallet, but you do not want it on your handkerchief, either.

A minute later, I hove to at the Cricklewood Lane traffic-lights, because if I had wanted what was in the thumbnail to be on the card, I would have used the card on the windscreen. I have done this in the past, and I have then stood around looking for something to wipe the card on, because you do not want what is on the card to be in your wallet, but you do not want it on your handkerchief, either.

Consider teeth, and the impossible injunction to brush them after meals: what a boon it would be if, as you emerged from your garlic lunch, a young entrepreneur with a tray of disposable

toothbrushes and a bucket approached you politely outside Le Gavroche and offered to restore your mouth to pristine nick! Even while his colleague, spotting on your spotted tie the spots that had not been there when you went in, went to work with his potions on gravy blob and spinach shard alike.

No need for him to address your collar. That was sorted out before you entered. Hardly had you parked before a vagrant businessman detached himself from the wall to point out that the shaving nick on your neck had mirrored itself on your shirt, whereupon he not only expunged the stain, but detached its unsightly tuft of tissue, dabbed the spot with styptic against further seepage, and threw in a squirt from his Aramis aerosol. Well worth 50p of anybody's money. Especially as, while all this was going on, his colleague had set up a kerbside ironing-board and was removing from behind your trouser-knees those creases to which all motorists are prey.

No need for him to reflection on further services prevents my expanding, anyway, I have every confidence that modern youth can work out for itself the limitless possibilities. I should like to think that, even as I write, some spy kind is putting together a bag of Detrol and Elastoplast in anticipation of a prime pitch coming up outside the House of Lords. Any moment now, Lord Nugent of Guildford could well start putting a fair amount of work his way.

## Condemned unheard

Bernie Grant was behind the boycott by a black American Congressman of the Queen's historic address on Capitol Hill yesterday. Gus Savage, a Democratic representative from Illinois, later explained that his empty chair represented his personal protest at growing racial violence in London. It was hard to see how he could not perceive a single authority from his residence in Chicago, but the reason soon emerged: the boycott had been prompted by a phone call from Grant, the MP for Tottenham, whose remarks at the time of the Broadwater Farm riot caused such embarrassment to the Labour party.

Grant rang Savage on Wednesday, telling him that he had "called upon the Queen to speak against growing racial violence against blacks in London, but she had not responded". She is obviously "the queen of imperialism," Savage declared.

Congress had to be rebuilt after British colonial forces burnt it down in 1814, and the Queen is the first British monarch to have spoken there. Savage's boycott of her address was hardly a success: he could not persuade a single other Congressman to join him, and it is unlikely that the Queen was aware of his existence. Let alone his absence. However, with his eye to the cameras, the Rev Al Sharpton was swift to place himself at Savage's right hand, sounding off about his recent visit to Britain, racism during the Gulf war and much else besides.

Savage also has an unusual interpretation of free speech. "I'd like to hear her point of view with regard to racial killings in England and apartheid in South Africa," he said afterwards. What better reason for closing his ears to everything she had to say?



Despite the duties of office John Major is still finding time to support his favourite county cricket team, Surrey. He was present throughout last Sunday's match, watching from the Oval pavilion, but Gloucestershire committee members, toasting their side's victory, were astonished after the game to find the prime minister also acting as barman in the committee room. "Mr Major was very hospitable," says Norman Walters, the Gloucestershire treasurer. Ever honourable in defeat, Major even picked up the tab, telling Surrey officials to forward the bill to him at Downing Street.

## Rubble, rubble

Work at the site of Sam Wanamaker's new Globe Theatre in Southwark has been slowed down to allow *The Tempest* to be performed *ad fresco* amid the rubble and concrete by a new company set up by Mark Rylance, one of the RSC's most gifted young stars.

Rylance, who likes to talk of circles of power, yin and yang and other matters mystical, denies that his views owe anything to David Icke, but is keen to perform on the Globe site because, he says, it marks one of the points where Britain's magic lines of energy — known as ley lines — meet. The itinerary of his company, Phoenix Cart, has been drawn up in conjunction with cosmologist

Peter Dawkin to take in ancient mystical energy points. Midnight matinees will heighten the magical intensity of Shakespeare's play, which, says Rylance, draws its inspiration from ancient Celtic nature cycles. "We chose the Rollright Stones in Oxfordshire because of their pagan magic, Corfe Castle in Dorset because it symbolises power and masculinity, and the Globe because it is on a very powerful magnetic line and links us to the past," he says.

An ever-so-slightly embarrassed spokesman for the Globe says:



"Mark is very much into the mystical side of things, but we are just thrilled that our first performance is *The Tempest*. It is very apt because it is the first play in the folio."

## Missed appointment

Labour leader Neil Kinnock was locked out of the House of Commons division lobby and prevented from voting on a motion in his own name on the NHS reforms on Tuesday. The issue, which dominated yesterday's Moonmouth by-election

was specially chosen by the opposition in the run-up to polling day. But Kinnock, who had been in the House earlier and tanned John Major over the subject, was seen racing from his chauffeur-driven car 94 minutes after the vote had been called. Commons procedures determine that the lobby is closed eight minutes after the division bell has sounded, and Kinnock arrived to find his way barred.

Kinnock's office said yesterday: "He had meetings outside the House before and after, and was held up in traffic." The Tories could scarcely believe their good fortune. Last month, John Major blundered badly at question time when he rounded off Kinnock for being absent from a vote. As Tory MPs roared "Where were you?", Kinnock told them the reason, with relish: he had spent the night with the royal family at Windsor Castle.

The problems of London traffic do not have quite the same ring as an excuse — particularly since Major, anxious to make up for his earlier gaffe, had made sure that his driver allowed extra time to wind his way the short distance from Downing Street through the Whitehall traffic jams.

The publishing house of Sinclair-Stevenson professes delight at having two titles on the shortlist of five for the £25,000 NCR Book Award later this month, but you would never guess it. The chances of Peter Ackroyd's *Dickens* (2/1) and Mark Frankland's *The Paris Revolution 1789* were denied somewhat this week when the organisers approached Sinclair-Stevenson to buy 15 copies of each book for the judges. "We were asked to supply bankers' references before they would send us the books," says an astonished NCR. *The Clever Money* is now on Hilary Spurling's biography of Paul Scott.

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## THE BANK MAKES MISCHIEF

The Bank of England is trying to forbid a cut in Britain's interest rates. After two weeks of Delphic remarks about "Siren voices" and "false dawns", the Bank has made an unusually outspoken statement on government monetary policy. It merits quotation in full: "The effects of four cuts in interest rates this year have not yet been seen. This and the need to maintain downward pressure on inflation means that there is a need for considerable caution over the pace of any further decline in interest rates, when approaching what may be a turning point in the cycle."

The Bank has thrown down the gauntlet to those in the Conservative party and the cabinet who see industrial and commercial ruin on all sides and want urgent action to stop this ruin only to keep open the option of an October election. The Bank has done this to help its allies in the Treasury who have been under severe pressure for an interest rate cut, not least from Tory backbenchers whose confidence in Treasury forecasting of the course of the present recession is dwindling fast.

John Major has repeatedly promised that interest rates would be cut in line with falling inflation. This morning, the Central Statistical Office is due to announce a fall of at least two percentage points in headline inflation and also in the underlying inflation rate, excluding mortgage interest payments. Until last week it had been assumed both in the City and Westminster that such a spectacular reduction in inflation would allow a cut in interest rates and stem the continuing flood of bankruptcies and other atrocious commercial news.

The timing of the Bank's admonition is deadly. The Bank has trapped the cabinet. If the latter cuts interest rates in response to this morning's RPI figure, the move will be interpreted as a direct snub to the Bank of England and a cynical political manoeuvre. The effect on financial markets would be adverse, at least in the short term. If a cut is ruled out — some statistic (such as factory prices) can be found to justify central bank sadism — then Britain may be stuck with interest rates not much below 12 per cent for the foreseeable future. The adverse effect would be on business and commerce and on the electorate, and might be longer term.

The Chancellor's policy, consistently followed over the past six months, is to impose a fierce monetary restraint on the British

economy to "squeeze inflation out of it". This is a decision of huge economic and political importance and must clearly be seen to be his and that of his cabinet colleagues. The decision is not the Bank of England's. The Bank can offer its advice forthrightly in private, but its duty is to carry out the Treasury's orders. Bank officials may dream of the "independence" popularly supposed to attach to the German Bundesbank and the American Federal Reserve Board, but it is not theirs to seize.

Total nonsense surrounds the issue of central bank independence, not least in the ranks of opposition parties. It is not a magical nostrum to cure a nation's inflationary habits overnight. There is no evidence that the Federal Reserve or even the Bundesbank do better jobs at running their economies, or even at controlling inflation, than the politically subservient Bank of Japan and Bank of France.

When a government disagrees with a central bank it wins, as democracy dictates it should. This point was eloquently illustrated yesterday with the resignation of Karl Otto Pöhl, the widely-admired president of the Bundesbank, after public disagreement with his political masters. Central banks are only independent when it suits democracies to treat them as such. Central bankers do not meet electorates.

Both Mr Major and Norman Lamont yesterday repeated that the achievement of "much lower" inflation was the key to their economic policy. They did not say how much lower. A government that regards this woefully inexact indicator as its only lodestar might never be satisfied until RPI is actually falling. Hence the significance of Mr Major's (and Mrs Thatcher's) previous pledge to cut interest rates as soon as inflation was on the way down. Hence the hope for a fall this week. Hence the mischief of the Bank's statement.

The Bank of England's job is the oversight of the financial institutions of the City. The thesis that it might enjoy some mystical, non-political power over the economy as a whole is pernicious. It creates confusion over the responsibility for economic policy, as both America and Germany have often found to their cost. What Britain needs today is not a Bank of England independent of the Treasury. It needs a Treasury independent of the Bank.

## MITTERRAND'S APPARENT HEIR

Edith Cresson, the new prime minister of France, has been compared with John de Aze for her success against Latin male chauvinism. The comparison is as wide of the mark as the other cliché, that Mme Cresson is "the French Margaret Thatcher". Her cosmopolitanism would have shocked the Maid of Orléans. Her protectionist socialism brought her, as minister of agriculture and European affairs, into frequent confrontation with Mrs Thatcher's simple faith in free markets. Mme Cresson comes from the tradition of feminist intellectuals with a taste for left-wing politics.

The tradition can be alarming. Mme de Pompadour dominated Louis XV, ruined his rule and coined the (oft misquoted) phrase: "Après nous le déluge." Napoleon feared Mme de Staël more than Wellington. Simone de Beauvoir fashioned modern feminism, but became Sartre's slave.

Mme Cresson's undoubted brilliance is not in this league. Her constitutional role requires her to be heavily reliant on her old patron, President Mitterrand. To British eyes, the latter's summary dismissal this week of Michel Rocard is no less curious than Mrs Thatcher's overthrow must have seemed to the French. But then French governments, like the parties which form them, are ephemeral groupings centred on a strong individual with the ear of the president. Mme Cresson's survival depends more on the Elysée than on the electorate.

France is a country where history matters less than fashion, where the political elite is the most homogeneous in Europe and where a politician's standing is more damaged by

exposure of lowbrow reading habits than low morals. Edith Cresson is at home in this Parisian culture. She also wants to open it up, to enable women who lack her privileges to rise. Her cabinet has more women than ever before. Officialdom will follow suit.

Mme Cresson has her own style. She began yesterday with a robust attack upon the Japanese. Her husband works in the motor industry and she led French opposition to the import of Japanese cars during the 1980s. Many of those cars were built in Britain. She is no less blunt with the Germans: yesterday she demanded a "balanced Europe, where France is as strong as Germany". From a man such talk might be dismissed as idle machismo. In Mme Cresson's case, it could imply a revival of the sort of economic chauvinism the Socialists will need if they are to take votes from the Gauls and the National Front in the presidential election of 1995.

The line-up for that election now looks more impressive on the left than on the right. In addition to the departing M. Rocard, there is the European Commission president Jacques Delors and now, at 57 the youngest, Mme Cresson herself. Neither Jacques Chirac nor Raymond Barre among the previous right-wing candidates looks capable of beating the Socialists, and none of the younger conservatives has the stature yet. Much can go wrong in four years of a septuagenarian's presidency. The prime minister's job is to ensure that nothing does. If she can do that, Edith Cresson has an excellent chance of inheriting the Elysée.

## FAITH, HOPE AND POLITICS

Yesterday's annual report of the Charity Commissioners showed no sign of the current controversy over whether charities are being adequately policed. The commission's censure of Oxfam's political activities last week did little to pacify those, primarily on the right, who believe that many "Third World" charities are a front for left-wing agitation. Charities are not supposed to engage in political propaganda. Do the commission's critics have a case?

The organisation mainly responsible for stirring up the ruckus about Oxfam and Christian Aid is the International Freedom Foundation (IFF). A free-market pressure group based in America, it arrived in London in 1987 and has devoted much of its time since then attacking Third World charities. During the commission's investigation into Oxfam, the IFF sent in a 60-page dossier, alleging that Oxfam had supported "communists". Now it is calling for an independent ombudsman to replace the Charity Commission, on the grounds that the commission itself has a conflict of interest between supporting British charities and upholding the public interest.

The IFF has weakened its case by conducting a campaign against members of the commission. It has tried to portray the chief commissioner, Robin Guthrie, as biased against right-wingers by claiming that he is a former director of the "left-leaning" and avowedly pacifist Rowntree Trust which "contributed to the socialist New Society magazine".

As politics take over ever more aspects of human activity, remaining non-political becomes increasingly hard for charities, especially when their avowed aim is to help the needy, who have to compete for government money. Charities are understandably frustrated when told that they are allowed to treat the symptoms but not the causes of poverty, disease or homelessness. Politicians and businessmen are often enjoined to take a longer-term view, while charities are castigated for doing so.

The more groups like the IFF complain about charities, the more suspicious the public will become about giving money. That is a shame: a society is far healthier when it has a thriving and pluralistic sector of such independent "intermediate institutions", competing for public good will.

The Charity Commission was right to castigate Oxfam if the charity broke the rules the commission was set up to enforce. But in the end, the market itself will regulate charitable involvement in politics. A rap on the knuckles from the regulator is bad publicity for a charity. If members of the public disapprove of Oxfam campaigning for sanctions against South Africa or warning against the return of Pol Pot in Cambodia, they will offer their money elsewhere. With charitable giving on the decline, the competition for donations has become ever more aggressive. A free-market pressure group should not be campaigning for an interventionist solution. The last thing needed is another layer of bureaucracy.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Politicians who sue media for libel

From Mrs Edwina Currie, MP for Derbyshire South (Conservative)  
Sir, "Isn't it time that vain politicians learned that libel cases... keep alive supposed slights well beyond their forget-by-date?", asks Joe Joseph ("Edwina's empty victory", May 15).

Alas, but you can't have it both ways: either we are too quick, or we are too slow. Damned if we do, damned if we don't. Though on most occasions the very long delay is not the plaintiff's fault at all, but results entirely from our antiquated legal system.

I have never sued before, so can hardly be regarded as one of those "crying foul" cases. A twing is tossed their way". Of course politicians should be thick-skinned; the job would be impossible otherwise. Does that mean our elected representatives voluntarily forgo all their rights, to the point of ignoring cruel remarks and downright lies about their personal lives and families too? The dignity of politics is not thereby enhanced but diminished.

The implication is that no politician should ever sue a newspaper. I'll bet the editors would love that.

Justice for defamation is, however, denied to the majority because of the risk and cost. We must devise ways of dealing with such cases in lower courts, perhaps with a procedure similar to the small claims court. And the courts should be able to order an apology. At present no such power exists, so a plaintiff has no choice but to ask for damages, leading to the libel in court that he or she is only after the money.

Mr Joseph even has the nerve to try to turn Tuesday's events into "something of a snub". He would no doubt have been ruder if the award had been some crazy astronomical amount. I won my case, with costs, received a handsome apology in court, and sensible damages on top. Precisely what I had hoped for: honour is satisfied.

Yours sincerely,  
EDWINA CURRIE,  
House of Commons.  
May 16.

### Double tax fears

From the Economic Secretary to the Treasury

Sir, Mr John Giddens, QC, and others (May 15) criticise what the government has said about a proposal in the Finance Bill to ensure that building societies pay over tax on savers' interest for a period in 1985-6 to the Inland Revenue. Perhaps I could explain why we introduced this measure.

Banks and building societies effectively deduct tax at source from the interest they pay their savers. Before 1986, building societies accounted for this tax only once a year at the end of their financial year, but banks had to account quarterly. This was unfair.

We therefore legislated to treat banks and building societies in the same way. From April 6, 1986, both have been required to pay tax at the end of every quarter, on the net interest paid or credited to their savers during that period.

This left a gap between the end of societies' annual accounting periods

From Mr Oscar Beuselink  
Sir, Joe Joseph's article conveniently overlooks (when suggesting that politicians should not sue for libel) that editors, including Andrew Neil and Donald Treford, have sued. Furthermore, there has been ample coverage in their newspapers about their cases; much more than when they are successfully sued by others.

Is Mrs Currie's £5,000 any less worthy than Mr Neil's £1,000? Why should politicians be less restrained than editors in protecting their reputations? I respect the editor of *The Observer* but what, in the absence of a full correction and apology published with equal prominence and space to an offending item, is a politician expected to accept?

If public figures do not sue then in later years they are confronted with press cuttings and the implication "that this must be true; you didn't challenge it at the time".

Some journalists seem to assume that once a statement has been in print that is sufficient proof of any allegations they make.

Yours faithfully,  
OSCAR A. BEUSELINK,  
136a Bedford Court Mansions,  
Aldgate Place, WC1.  
May 15.

### From Mr Jack Bell

Sir, Your leader, "When silence is golden" (May 14), saddens me. We have become inured to the gutter press goading public figures with their trumped-up character assassinations. We have been made aware that any refutation or response, however reasonable, must be avoided lest it provoke even greater publicity addressed to an ever widening audience.

But I had hoped not to have seen the day when (even though, regrettably, I believe it to be correct advice) your newspaper would so blatantly advise its readers not to tangle with the press, for if they do so they will assuredly be hurt.

Yours faithfully,  
JACK BELL,  
58 Priory Crescent, SE19.

In 1985-6 and the beginning of the new financial arrangements on April 6, 1986, the government and Parliament always intended that the interest which building societies paid or credited to their savers in that period should be liable to tax, for obvious reasons. But, following a challenge in the courts, the House of Lords found that the regulations applying 1985-6 tax rates were technically defective, but only on the technical point that the Inland Revenue did not have the power to charge tax on these payments at 1985-6 rates.

Now we are doing in the Finance Bill is correcting that defect. Otherwise, tax deducted at source from savers would not be paid over to the Exchequer. There is nothing more to it than that.

No interest will be taxed more than once.

Yours faithfully,  
JOHN MAPLES,  
Economic Secretary to the Treasury,  
Treasury Chambers,  
Parliament Street, SW1.  
May 15.

From Mr Andrew Morris and others  
Sir, The Accident Research Unit at Birmingham University has been investigating the outcome of real-life car accidents for the past 25 years. Each year the Cooperative Crash Injury Study (of which we are part) investigates 850 car accidents in which people are injured or killed.

We thoroughly examine the vehicle with particular reference to the occupant protection systems, of which the seatbelt forms a fundamental part (Bernard Levin, "Gentlemen, you click with me", May 9). We combine this information with detailed medical and police records as well as information provided on questionnaires supplied voluntarily by the accident victims themselves. The organisation, Choice in Personal Safety, to which Mr Levin refers, does not carry out such research.

Evidence obtained from both our study and other studies, national and international, shows that seatbelts save between 40 and 55 per cent of deaths and serious injuries. With each fatal accident costing society some £750,000, it is clear that the total savings in terms of economics alone is enormous.

Even in head-on collisions, seatbelts prevent occupants from being ejected from their vehicles. Ejection has been consistently shown to be more life-threatening than containment, to the order of 40-50 fold, and it is almost unheard of for a driver to be trapped by the seatbelt itself. The driver is much more likely to remain

### Regimental system under attack

From Brigadier R. G. S. Bidwell, late RA

Sir, Major-General Strawson's letter on the regimental system (May 14) seems to be prompted by the temerity of the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) in daring to question the usefulness of that hallowed institution in its old, self-selecting, mutually exclusive form of a number of socio-military groups — archetypically the former horse cavalry, the Guards and the Greenjackets — whose officers are, or were, recruited on the criteria of class, family, private means and public school education.

Its principal disadvantages have always been that the field of recruitment is narrowed, the selection of officers for command at the crucial battalion level is restricted either to the regiment or another of similar outlook and class, and it is the enemy of inter-arm cooperation. Its advocates confuse the cosy tradition of the regiment as a club with the esprit de corps instilled into any unit by imaginative leadership and good training, whether it is of ancient origin or hastily raised for a new role in war, like the hundreds of new infantry battalions in 1915-8, the Royal Tank Corps, the parachute troop, the army commandos, and the famous Chindits drawn from every corps and regiment.

Apart from these, neither the Royal Regiment of Artillery nor Corps of Royal Engineers have ever formed part of the regimental system, which in any case was first established as part of the Cardwell reforms just over a century ago, and owes, thank heaven, little more than a sentimental connection with the brutalised privates drawn from the dregs of society led by Wellington. I doubt whether the non-regimental corps lack anything in the way of "emulous courage and endurance": consider the bomb-disposal duties of the Royal Engineers and Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

Sir, times and the society from which the army has to be recruited have changed, and a dispassionate analysis of how a smaller army can attract the best into its every branch is not only salutary but long overdue.

Yours faithfully,  
SHELFORD BIDWELL,  
8 Chapel Lane, Wickham Market,  
Woodbridge, Suffolk.  
May 14.

### Schwarzkopf award

From Dr Karl H. Pagac

Sir, Whilst I have no reason to doubt US General Norman Schwarzkopf's merit of an honorary knighthood (report, May 16), I am quite upset about its timing. Could not the award have been held over until after our own victory parade on June 21 — or, at least, until the British servicemen had received their awards and decorations?

I am sure "Sir" Norman Schwarzkopf would have understood such a sequence. Our own servicemen must feel deeply disappointed and let down.

Yours respectfully,  
KARL H. PAGAC,  
19 Courtfield Road,  
South Kensington, SW7.  
May 16.

good faith, but manipulation of all available funds and assets is the hallmark of the predator.

In contacts with many ex-ICI colleagues over the last few years I have found widespread anxiety about the consequences of a takeover. The pensions ombudsman may ultimately offer a source of help, but it is far too early to know what he could do to protect pensions and the only other route would be a protracted and expensive court case.

Whatever assurances might be offered by Hanson, what price ICI pensions after the break-up and sale of a major proportion of the group?

Yours faithfully,  
GARETH H. DAVIES,  
36 Babylon Way, Rotton,  
Eastbourne, East Sussex.  
May 16.

conscious after the accident and thus be able to escape from the wreckage.

Evidence on the subject is almost infinite. Seatbelts do save lives. While the facts are ignored, there will always be needless suffering and bereavement.

Yours faithfully,  
A. P. MORRIS,  
STEVE PARKIN,  
MARTIN THAYNE,  
RICHARD FRAMPTON,  
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Accident Research Unit,  
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May 14.

### From the Earl of Cardigan

Sir, Bernard Levin's spirited support for those opposed to compulsory seatbelts is all very well as far as it goes; but their wish to be left alone in the name of personal freedom suddenly disappears the moment their unbelted bodies plunge headfirst through a wind-screen.

Only those with comprehensive private medical insurance should even dream of pressing against the current sensible legislation. For those involved in such self-inflicted injuries are naturally keen that the taxpayer should instantly provide the resources to try to pick up the pieces afterwards.

Yours sincerely,  
CARDIGAN,  
Savernake Estate, Savernake Forest,  
Marlborough, Wiltshire.  
May 10.

From the Chairman of Council, Royal United Services Institute

Sir, Major-General John Strawson referring to the RUSI's "off-the-record" meeting next month on the subject of the regimental system provides eloquent advocacy for regiments in the British Army. There will, I fear, be some who feel less committed.

The "Options for Change" exercise in the Ministry of Defence could have the most dramatic effect upon the army and even change its nature. The other two services face reductions; the army, the likely loss of capabilities. This calls for the fullest examination and justification of principles and stand-points and the voices of all concerned must be heard in this debate.

Defence and national security do not fall solely within the purview of a select few in the Treasury and MoD. If the over-riding considerations in "Options for Change" are scarcity of resources and political factors, rather than a full defence review, which sets costs against capabilities, then that should clearly be seen to be the case.

The regimental system, as well as military capabilities, will stand or fall on the validity of their case: the implications for the armed forces, for industry, and for the country should at least be argued by the professionals and not seemingly be determined by diktat.

Yours sincerely,  
MARTIN FARNDALE,  
Chairman of Council,  
Royal United Services Institute  
for Defence Studies,  
Whitehall, SW1.  
May 15.

### From Mr Christopher Langley

Sir, The regimental system extends beyond military service by way of the regimental associations. Their existence says much for loyalty, but their prime objective is the help and welfare of past comrades (including families) who fall into difficult circumstances.

By their existence they complete the family circle and help perpetuate a successful, tried and tested system, of which the country can justly be proud.

Yours faithfully,  
CHRISTOPHER LANGLEY,  
4 Liston Road, SW4.  
May 14.

### Sunday trading

From Mr Michael Schluter

Sir, The House of Lords decision (report, May 15) in Stoke city council v. B&Q plc to refer the case back to the European Court, together with the recent decision of the Court of Appeal in Kirklees borough council v. Wickes Building Supplies Ltd (report, May 1) must be viewed with great concern. The Court of Appeal, in holding that local authorities cannot partake of crown immunity even when enforcing criminal law on behalf of the crown, has inflicted a damaging blow to local democracy.

Few local authorities will risk cross-undertakings for damages in order to enforce the law against a large company where a case is pending or subject to appeal in the European Court. The effect is to make null and void all acts of Parliament where local authorities have responsibility for enforcement for as long as it takes the appeal to be heard. It is not just the Shops Act which is threatened, but laws governing food safety, pollution, sex shops and many other issues.

We have confidence that the European Court will uphold the right of member states to legislate on Sunday trading, as it has done so three times already. However, this may take as long as two years. In the meantime big business can ride roughshod over local government in pursuit of its profits.

The Sunday issue is no longer just about shops opening at weekends; it is about the long-term role of local government in a world of procrastinating courts and predatory commercial giants.

Yours truly,  
MICHAEL SCHLUTER (Director),  
Keep Sunday Special Campaign,  
Jubilee House,  
3 Hooper Street, Cambridge.  
May 15.

### Somnolent sermon

From Mr J. R. Gillum

Sir, It was the custom at Winchester in the 1940s for the school to attend evensong in the cathedral on the occasional Sunday. On such an occasion, one boy sitting in the back row of the choir-stalls fell asleep during the sermon with such violence, that he pitched forward and cut his head quite badly on the ledge of the stall in front. Naturally, this woke him and, with handkerchief pressed to forehead, he was led out of the cathedral by the two boys sitting next to him.

The preacher — one of the school chaplains — halted momentarily to allow the little group to get clear, but then continued the sermon to completion. The following morning, when his class had assembled, he alluded to the incident. "I had a feeling", he said, "that my sermons might be dull, but it wasn't until yesterday that I realised that they were positively dangerous!"

Yours faithfully,  
JOHN GILLUM,  
Holwell Manor,  
Hatfield, Hertfordshire.  
May 10.

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# Nothing foxy about Philip



Sensitive and tenderly real: Edward Fox with Jennifer Calvert

## THEATRE

### The Philanthropist

WYNDHAM'S

TWENTY-ONE years after its first production, Christopher Hampton's first major play is as witty and stimulating as ever. Twenty-one years has carried the mini-skirt out of fashion and back to us again, so that Sarah Berger, Jennifer Calvert and Harriet Harrison, the three women who fill out and out of Philip the philanthropist's life. By their heels at mid-thigh, just as Jane Asher and her cohorts did at the play's Royal Court premiere. Coming, as that did, a few days after Edward Heath became prime minister, the play's casual reference to the assassination of the entire front bench would have added a frisson to that first night audience's enjoyment.

Where Molière's hero in *Le Misanthrope* erects absurdly high standards for friendship, which some of the people he meets can even vanish over, Hampton's Philip finds he likes everyone and everything. The gunning down of nine ministers on the floor of the House of Commons is, as he says, appalling, terrible. But by the next day the incident has become only upsetting. (Incidentally, the production team has come up with a convincing front-page photograph from this newspaper to cover the crisis.)

Philip's reactions, however, though they tend to be injudiciously benign, are preferable to those of his friends and would-be lovers. The contrast between his decent philanthropy and their various poses is emphasised by the difference in acting styles that Kenneth Ives' production at present exhibits. First-night nerves may have

contributed to Berger's harsh delivery — hard to suppose Edward Fox's Philip could ever have wanted her in bed beside him — and Tim Brooke-Taylor, playing Philip's friend Don, seemed ill at ease in his first scene. By the end of the play, when he is meant to be ill at ease, he has recovered himself to deliver his bland self-criticism with the right ground-bass of defensive pride.

Fox, on the other hand, gives a performance that is sensitive and tenderly real. Hampton does not indicate how any of his characters became as they are, but we can guess that Philip's profession, philology, reflects some terror of human relationships. His story about the beggar in Hong Kong, the play's one example of philanthropy in the common sense of the word, confirms this fear. So also does his fondness for anagrams, an entirely futile game where language is broken down beyond words into their individual letters.

Fox suggests a distance from the other characters, schemers all (notably Frank Barrie's arrogant novelist), by his air of not wanting to put on an act, of revealing what he thinks and even, fatally, what he feels. There is no guile in this painfully exposed man. Dropping his head after being insulted, he happens to see a box of chocolates. It does not occur to him that to offer a chocolate to his aggressor will only inflame his wrath. "I don't really find you attractive," he later tells Araminta, adding ineptly, "Don't be upset."

The play may be essentially a conversation piece, though one that contains so astounding a coup de théâtre in the first scene that the audience burst into applause. But the conversation is vintage.

JEREMY KINGSTON

## NEW RELEASES

**FLOX** (12): Escaped prisoner James Brown makes his way through the streets of London, directed by Michael Jackson. (Cannon, 071-636 6149) Odeon Macclesfield (071-636 6149) Odeon Macclesfield (071-636 6149) Warner (071-438 0781).

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**ROBIN HOOD** (15): Sly re-tell of the outlaw legend; visually drab, though Patrick Bergin's Robin is a pleasant enough. (Cannon, 071-636 6149) Odeon Macclesfield (071-636 6149) Odeon Macclesfield (071-636 6149) Warner (071-438 0781).

## CURRENT

**AY CARMELAI** (12): Carlos Saura's beautiful, but shallow tale of travelling artists in the Spanish Civil War. (Cannon, 071-636 6149) Odeon Macclesfield (071-636 6149) Odeon Macclesfield (071-636 6149) Warner (071-438 0781).

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**THE COMPANY OF STRANGERS** (PG): Seven men are stranded in the countryside. (Cannon, 071-636 6149) Odeon Macclesfield (071-636 6149) Odeon Macclesfield (071-636 6149) Warner (071-438 0781).

**CYRANO DE BERGERAC** (U): Jean-Paul Rappeneau's version of the play. (Cannon, 071-636 6149) Odeon Macclesfield (071-636 6149) Odeon Macclesfield (071-636 6149) Warner (071-438 0781).

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**THE MUSIC OF ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER**: Sarah Brightman.

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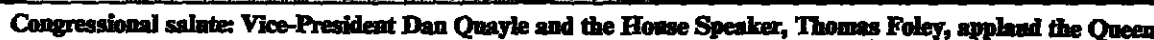




**By ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT**

The shuttle trains, which will carry cars and lorries between the tunnel terminals at Cheriton in Kent and Sangatte in Pas de Calais will be the huge. Each will weigh 2,200 tonnes and be four times the length of the special high speed trains which will carry

train is likely to be a qualified driver so that he could extract the train from the tunnel in an emergency.



In a case next to King Tut's chariots, flecks of gold leaf peel off the pottery and gold coffins and sarcophagus of Yuya, father of the 13th-

Before the Gulf war, about 7,000 visitors a day were packing the building's stuffy halls, and they are slowly trickling back, posing another threat to the treasures. Many touch and shake the artefacts, which also suffer from the continual vibrations of the traffic. In 1978, it was proposed that an annex to the museum should be built using the same neoclassical facade. The plan was shelved two

years ago when Mr Hosni suggested that a whole museum complex should be built in the desert near the pyramids. The US-ancient scheme would cost about \$300 million (£174 million), but it has yet to attract finance from Japan as the government had hoped. Mr Saleh said that the annex scheme has been postponed.

In the meantime, limestone works from the 18th dynasty are being eaten away, and little is being done about the estimated one million uncatalogued items which now lie neglected in basements, tombs and storage rooms around Egypt.

The previous night she had attended her first baseball game — a more important symbol of “the special relationship” for most Ameri-

● **Irish protest:** About 20 Irish-Americans protested against Britain's policies in Northern Ireland during the Queen's visit to Congress (Reuter reports). "Americans might see the Crown as romantic. In Northern Ireland it represents anti-Catholic oppression," said a spokesman.

"Order! Order!" Mr Speaker kept calling quite in vain. Give him a white shirt and bow tie and ask him to referee a boxing match then, with or without his wig and tights, our Speaker would find it a doddle by comparison.

Know what I mean, Harry?

**MATTHEW PARRIS**

**Bob Dylan at 50:** In *The Times Saturday Review*, Alan Franks considers whether pop's premier poet has shot his bolt, or is just biding his precious time

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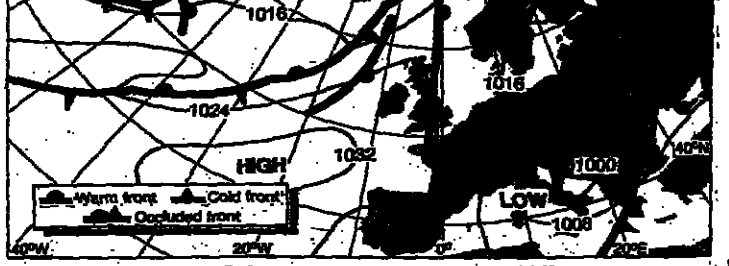
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## BT sale set for November

THE Treasury has announced that British Telecom shares will be sold off by the government in November. Part of the government's 49 per cent holding is to be sold then, although the Treasury conceded the timetable could slip slightly.

The Treasury declined to give details on the proportion of the remaining stake the government would sell or how it would be sold. However, Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, wishes the shares to go to existing small shareholders. British Telecom shares closed at 364p last night, valuing the company at £21.5 billion and the government's shares at £10.7 billion.

## GEC joins £27m coal project

GEC Alsthom is to join British Coal Corporation's £27 million project to develop a new design of high-efficiency, low-emission coal-fired power station at Grimethorpe, Yorkshire. GEC Alsthom, a joint venture between British General Electric Company and Alcatel Alsthom of France, is a leader in turbine technology.

## BOC profits slip

The BOC Group reported pre-tax profits of £150.2 million (£170.1 million) on a 6 per cent fall in turnover to £1.33 billion in the six months ended March, but said it is weathering the economic climate "reasonably well". A second dividend of 10.2p a share, making up the earlier promised 20.4p for the year, is payable in August.

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## Shell grows

Royal Dutch/Shell increased net income to £847 million (£816 million), despite stock losses of £378 million. Replacement cost profits rose 48 per cent to £1.225 billion, helped by a £207 million increase in corporate earnings, including a £58 million currency gain. Earnings rose from 9p a share to 9.3p.

Times, page 27

## THE POUND

US dollar 1.7490 (+0.0020)  
German mark 2.9646 (+0.0088)  
Exchange index 92.2 (+0.3)

## STOCK MARKETS

FT 30 Share 1938.8 (+12.6)  
FT-SE 100 2471.9 (+12.5)  
New York Dow Jones 2893.11 (+27.73)  
Tokyo Nikkei Ave 25520.27 (-302.20)

## MAJOR CHANGES

RISER:  
Courtauld 403p (+11p)  
SD Warrick 63p (+12p)  
Costain 185p (+10p)  
Allied-Lyons 575p (+21p)  
SA Breweries 850p (+37p)  
P Harris 43p (+13p)  
Hawker Siddeley 669p (+10p)  
Reuters 820p (+12p)  
General Accident 540p (+15p)  
Royal 43p (+13p)  
Central TV 850p (+62p)  
Scottish TV 750p (+64p)  
Pearson 750p (+12p)  
Lester Walker 285p (+48p)  
FALLS:  
Barlow Rand 892p (-15p)  
Bank of Scotland 780p (-12p)  
Grand Mer 253p (-9p)  
Body Shop 120p (-30p)  
Johns Shroud 712p (-12p)  
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## INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base: 12%  
3-month Interbank 11%+11/16%  
3-month eligible bills 11%+11/16%  
US: Prime Rate 8 1/4%  
Federal Funds 5 1/4%  
3-month Treasury Bill 5 1/4%+5/16%  
30-year bonds 9 7/8%+9/16%

## CURRENCIES

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## RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 131.4 March (1987=100)

## Argyll prepares £1bn claim on Guinness

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

ARGYLL, the supermarket group that owns Safeway, is preparing to launch a lawsuit against Guinness over the 1986 Distiller's takeover, which could net Argyll up to £1 billion.

The group is unlikely to wait until the second Guinness trial is over before launching a suit for damages. Alistair Grant, the Argyll chairman, said yesterday that the group would not necessarily wait until the outcome of the trial of Lord Spens and Roger Seelig before issuing a writ. "I think there is likely to be some action before the end of the year," he said. Argyll has until January to bring a lawsuit before the time limit under the Statute of Limitations expires.

Mr Grant said: "Although the people who are running Guinness at present are innocent, they are still driving the stolen car. They have to return the car. I think the man in the street would find it incredible if Argyll did not receive some compensation over the Distiller's case."

The news comes on the day that Ernest Saunders, the former Guinness chairman, had his five-year jail sentence halved by the Court of Appeal. The judges upheld 11 of his 12 convictions for theft, conspiracy and false accounting.

Anthony Parnes, the stockbroker jailed with Saunders last August, also had his convictions for false accounting and theft upheld, but saw his sentence cut from 30 months to 21 months. The reduced sentences will have no effect on the Argyll case.

There have been rumours of a possible out-of-court settlement by Guinness, but Clifford Chance, Argyll's lawyers, is believed to have advised that a much higher settlement could be awarded in court.

Guinness has made no provisions against a possible settlement. At the annual meeting yesterday, Anthony Parnes, told shareholders that Guinness was the most profitable alcoholic drinks company in the world and the third-largest consumer goods company in the European Community.

Argyll is not pinning all its hopes on a case against Guinness. The group has announced a £387 million rights issue, and unveiled pre-tax profits of £290.8 million for the year to end March.

The one-for-six rights issue at 250p a share will allow Argyll to increase the pace of its supermarket opening programme, and to compete more aggressively with Sainsbury and Tesco. Argyll's shares fell 10p to 297p. The issue of the 158.2 million new shares has been fully underwritten by Samuel Montagu, Pannure Gordon and Rowe & Pitman are brokers to the issue.

Argyll has been opening an average of 20 Safeway stores a year for the last four years. Investment over that period was £568 million.

The group plans to open 17 Safeway stores this year and 25 in 1992 and 1993, representing 700,000 sq ft of selling space each year. In total, 292 locations for possible new stores have been identified by the group.

Argyll says the rights will fund the store opening programme for the next few years and wipe out the group's gearing, which rose to 20 per cent last year after Argyll spent £31 million buying the freeholds of some of its sites. The group now owns the freeholds of 90 per cent of its supermarkets.

Argyll's turnover rose 15 per cent to £4.78 billion and operating profits 27 per cent to £285 million. Pre-tax profits rose 28 per cent to £290.8 million, or 19 per cent if last year's £16 million exceptional item is ignored. Earnings per share rose 20 per cent to 22.1p before exceptional items, and the final dividend of 5.85p makes 8.7p, up 20 per cent. The new shares will not be eligible for the final dividend. The rights issue is not expected to dilute earnings.

Mr Grant, who dismissed market rumour that he was planning to bid for Asda, said: "The current year has started well with Safeway continuing to record pleasing volume growth. The board is confident in the absence of unforeseen circumstances, of another year of sound progress in establishing Safeway as one of the most successful and respected UK food retailers of the 1990s."



Planning action: Alistair Grant, Argyll's chairman

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## LWT profit drops after shake-up

By MATTHEW BOND

LWT Holdings, owner of London's weekend independent television station, has seen its profits fall sharply in the run-up to the new round of licence applications.

In the year to end December, LWT made pre-tax profits of £20.7 million compared with £45 million in the 17 months to the end of 1989.

The results are the first since LWT's controversial capital restructuring, which won shareholder approval in November 1989.

Wednesday's deadline for licence applications revealed that LWT faced competition from only one rival, London Independent Broadcasting, whose backers include Polygram and three independent production companies.

LWT is also a 20 per cent shareholder in Sunrise Television, one of two consortia bidding for the breakfast time franchise, held by TV-am.

Since the restructuring, the LWT board has been concentrating on reducing costs. Christopher Bland, the chairman, said he was confident that cost cutting had paid off. But he gave warning that profits this year would be below last year. LWT's convertible preference shares, which have a fixed dividend of 3.9375p, rose 2p to 98p.

Shares in Central Independent Television and Scottish Television both soared yesterday in response to the news that neither company faces competition for its franchise. Central rose 52p to 650p and STV ended 54p up at 750p.

Border Television, whose application is also unsupported, rose 2.5p to 43p.

## Thomson Travel suffers \$49m loss

By MARTIN BARROW

THOMSON Travel, Britain's largest package holiday group, lost US\$49 million in the first three months of 1991 after a sharp drop in bookings during the Gulf war.

The company was also forced to bear the cost of repatriating British tourists from resorts in the eastern Mediterranean, which the government deemed unsafe after the outbreak of war.

Thomson Travel said summer bookings taken during January and February were down 26 per cent, although they recovered quickly at the end of the year and increased further after the collapse of International Leisure Group, its main competitor.

In the first quarter of 1990, Thomson Travel made an operating loss of \$5 million, which included a \$21 million surplus from the sale of aircraft owned by Britannia Airways, which forms part of the group. Travel-related losses left the Thomson Corporation, the Canadian-controlled parent company, with net losses of \$56 million for the period, compared with net income of \$8 million. Losses per share were 10 cents, against earnings of 1 cent.

Thomson Information and Publishing, including specialist publishing and the group's regional newspapers in Britain, was also affected by depressed advertising revenues and reported profits down from \$22 million to \$17 million. Through Thomson Regional Newspapers, the group is participating in bids for Channel 3 franchises in Northern Ireland and the Northeast.

## Auf Wiedersehen, Pöhl

By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU, EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

KARL Otto Pöhl, the president of the Bundesbank, has announced he will step down at the end of October from what is regarded as one of the most powerful offices in Germany. Herr Pöhl told a press conference at the Bundesbank's Frankfurt headquarters yesterday that he took his decision for private reasons after almost 12 years in office. He said: "I would like, more than I have previously been able to, to devote myself more to my family and private interests."

He denied that the resignation was connected to recent disagreements with the German government, but said he had given Theo Waigel, the finance minister, a more detailed account of his motives than he was prepared to divulge publicly.

His comments did little to put an end to suggestions that the disputes between the Bundesbank and Bonn are over. Herr Pöhl once again attacked a decision taken by the upper house of parliament to overrule a recommendation by the Bundesbank to streamline its organisation. He called the decision "remarkable". The row essentially is over the representation of the east German Länder, which would boost the number of directors in the Bundesbank's central council from 29 to 39, which Herr Pöhl considers unwieldy and ineffective.

Herr Waigel, speaking in Bonn, said he regretted but respected Herr Pöhl's decision and promised to name a successor within the next fortnight. The front runners are Hans Tietmeyer, a director of the Bundesbank's central council, and Helmut Schlesinger, the Bundesbank vice president, aged 66. Dr Tietmeyer is considered the favourite although there has been speculation that Professor Schlesinger might take over until his term expires at the end of 1992.

Herr Pöhl urged the government to decide without delay on the succession, although he added he had every confidence that the Bundesbank's policies would continue unchanged. "The Bundesbank is an institution whose decisions are taken by the relevant authorities, in particular the central council. The identification with the man at the top, as has happened increasingly over the last ten years, does not reflect the real decision-making powers. Even the president has only one vote," he said.

Herr Pöhl will step down at the end of October after this year's IMF meeting to allow him, as he put it, to say "auf Wiedersehen" to the world's finance ministers and central bankers, with many of whom he has had a close personal and working relationship for many years. He said he will not make an announcement about a future career until he leaves office.

When asked whether he had received two lucrative offers, as had been speculated, he would only say, with a smile: "Why two?" There has been speculation about offers from Wall Street investment banks, while others say he might be a frontrunner to head the International Monetary Fund, replacing Michel Camdessus, whose term expires next January.



Just what the doctor ordered: Lord Hanson, after receiving his doctorate yesterday

## ICI rules out unbundling

SIR Denis Henderson, chairman of ICI, where Hanson has a strategic 2.82 per cent stake, has dismissed suggestions that the chemicals group may float off its pharmaceuticals division to foil any eventual takeover bid (Our City Staff writes).

Such a move would not be sensible, he told an audience of institutional investors at Smith New Court - ironically the broker that handled the raid earlier this week - as the ICI share price surged another 48p to £12.66. ICI is believed in the past to have considered a corporate unbundling plan, whereby its parts could be sold off or floated to fetch more than its market capitalisation, almost £9 billion at last night's share price.

Lord Hanson was giving little away as he returned to his native Yorkshire to receive an honorary doctorate in business administration at Huddersfield Polytechnic. "I am very much restricted by the legal position," he said.

The possibility of a record-breaking bid for ICI from Hanson, which has cash balances of £7.5 billion, was the main talking point on the stock market yesterday.

Sir Denis was attempting to play down speculation that ICI might follow in the footsteps of BAT, which escaped a 1989 bid partly by agreeing to have off its Wiggins Teape Appleton paper business.

Tim Devlin, Conservative MP for Stockton South, said: "I don't think we in the Northeast would regard a bid by Hanson or anyone else as welcome."

## Rise in wage costs slows down

By PHILIP BASSETT

INVESTMENT in manufacturing industry has fallen by almost 20 per cent in the past 12 months, according to new government figures. But unit wage increases slowed for the first time in a year, though productivity worsened.

The range of economic statistics produced by the government yesterday emphasised the strength of the recession and came as unemployment showed sharp rise, with 84,100 added to the seasonally adjusted total, making 2.175 million.

Provisional estimates of capital expenditure in manufacturing showed spending of £2.565 billion in the first quarter of the year, seasonally adjusted at 1985 prices. This is 11 per cent down on the figure for the last quarter of 1990 of £2.881 billion and as much as 19.7 per cent down on the £3.196 billion in the first quarter of the year. But government statisticians said capital expenditure then was at a record.

The last time there was such a sharp fall in investment was between the first two quarters of 1980, as the recession of the early Eighties got under way. The annual fall is the largest since the third quarter of 1981.

The total figures include direct expenditure of £2.233 billion and leased assets of £332 million. Broken down by asset, spending on plant and machinery showed a fall of 22.3 per cent on the first three months of 1990, from £2.674 billion then to £2.079 billion.

Production industry output fell by 1 per cent in the first quarter of this year, separate CSO figures say. Government statisticians believe this suggests a annualised figure of 7.5 per cent, against their last estimate of 9 per cent.

In March, unit wage costs fell for the first time since April last year, to an increase of 11 per cent on a year earlier. Productivity figures worsened, with the decline in manufacturing output per head rising from minus 1.6 per cent in February to minus 1.9 per cent. Average earnings in manufacturing showed a particular fall. At 8.25 per cent in March, they have now fallen back a full percentage point on January.

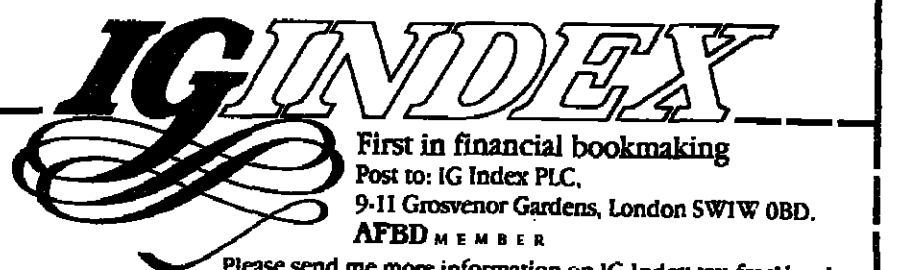
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## Jewellery operation to close

TIME Products is closing its British jewellery manufacturing operation and a watch movement factory in Hong Kong after suffering a sharp fall in profits.

In the 12 months to end January, taxable profits fell from £15.1 million to £9.4 million and earnings fell from 20.57p a share to 12.16p. A slight increase in the final dividend from 4.6p (4.5p) makes 7.25p (7p) for the year. Group turnover was down to £53.96 million (£58.18 million), yielding operating profits of £5.34 million (£11.91 million). British sales declined to £39.2 million (£51.46 million), resulting in a profit contribution of £5.3 million (£9.97 million). Sales in Hong Kong were relatively steady, down £2 million to £14.7 million and profits fell from £1.95 million to £46,000.

## Japan surplus

Japan's trade surplus almost doubled in April, reflecting surging exports and flagging domestic demand for imports, economists said. The customs-cleared trade balance widened to an unadjusted \$6.31 billion surplus in April, from a revised \$3.52 billion surplus a year earlier, the finance ministry announced. Japan's trade surplus with the United States shrank to \$2.26 billion (\$2.44 billion) in April.

## Utility show

A travelling roadshow organised by financial regulators for electricity, water and telecommunications has its first public outing in Bristol's Broadmead shopping centre today.

## Rothmans profit

Rothmans of Pall Mall (Malaysia) reports pre-tax profits for the 12 months ended March 31 of M\$303,607 (£64,000) compared with pre-tax profits for the nine months ended March 31, 1990, of M\$177,293.

## New enquiry

The accountancy institutes' joint disciplinary scheme has set up a professional enquiry in the wake of the reports by trade department inspectors into the affairs of Minet Holdings, WMD Underwriting Agencies and Alexander Howden Group.

## Food merger

Avonmore Foods, the Irish dairy-based food products and ingredients group, has confirmed it is involved in merger talks with Waterford Foods, fellow Irish dairy products processor and distributor. Avonmore shares, which have a London quote, were unchanged at 93p.

## Sotheby's

Sotheby's Holdings, the fine art auctioneer, has asked *The Times* to point out that its dividend declared for the first quarter to end March is 15 cents, the same amount as declared for the comparable period last year.

# Royal Insurance makes £63m first-quarter loss

By JONATHAN PRYNN

THE increasingly grim outlook for the United Kingdom's insurance industry this year has been underlined by Royal Insurance, which has announced another first-quarter loss.

The results follow pessimistic statements about the outlook for the year from the chairman of Legal & General and Sun Alliance on Wednesday.

Although Royal's three-month deficit was reduced from £79 million to £63 million, last year's figure had been exaggerated by the effects of the January storm, which was responsible for losses of £90 million. Weather-related losses this year were £52 million, largely a result of January's snowstorms.

Overall losses from the UK insurance operations were marginally reduced from £63 million to £62 million after a £9 million provision to cover additional value-added tax on outstanding claims after the Budget. The reduction in bad weather losses was offset by a doubling of subsidence losses and sharply increased mortgage guarantee and personal motor claims. Increased premium rates and higher reinsurance costs were responsible for a 4 per cent reduction in UK premium written.

Ian Rushton, group chief executive, described the fig-

ures as "disappointing, but in line with general industry experience".

Many of the group's other activities showed improvement, with American losses halved from £20 million to £10 million. Premium written fell 31 per cent in dollar terms. The international and Canadian operations both reported improved profits.

Mr Rushton said that repriming of products and the enforcement of stricter underwriting standards had resulted in a 17 per cent groupwide reduction in premium written. He said: "In the short term, market share is taking second place to improved performance."

He added that stricter financial controls have been introduced, resulting in a 3 per cent reduction in management costs, compared with the 6 per cent increase last time. A review of operations had also been carried out, leading to the decision to sell the reinsurance and Belgian offshoots, and to bring the estate agency activities under the control of head office.

The estate agencies made an unchanged £6 million pre-tax trading loss. House sales fell from 13,900 to 13,100.

With the bad news for the sector already fully discounted by the market, the shares rose 13p to 425p.



'Disappointing': Ian Rushton, of Royal Insurance

## Hartstone surges to record

By PHILIP PANGALOS

DESPITE the fall in consumer spending, Hartstone Group, the handbags to hosiery concern, has unveiled record full-year profits.

The group, which claims to be the world's largest leather-goods distributor and Britain's second largest hosiery distributor, saw pre-tax profits rise from £3.22 million to £7.36 million in the year to March.

The figures were lifted by acquisitions, but existing businesses enjoyed growth of about 19 per cent. Turnover surged from £25.6 million to £68.9 million.

The strategy adopted by Stephen Barker, Hartstone's chairman, has paid off. Shareholders benefit from a final 2p (1.25p) dividend making a 3.25p (2p) total, up 62.5 per cent. Earnings per share rose 55 per cent to 18.6p (12.0p).

Interest costs have fallen from £261,000 to £75,000, and gearing to 16 per cent (30 per cent at half-year). Mr Barker said current business is difficult. "It's still tough going, more in the UK than Europe, but our products are fairly resilient to the conditions," he added. The shares rose 2p to 213p.

## Blick pays £8.3m for Telefusion

By MATTHEW BOND

BLICK, which supplies companies with clocking-in equipment and radio pagers, is to move further into the world of electronic communications and security with the £8.3 million purchase of Telefusion Communications.

Telefusion, which supplies communal television serial and controlled-door entry systems, has been sold to Blick by Granada.

Granada acquired the company two years ago as part of its 1988 purchase of Electronic Rentals.

The sale appears to form a further modest element of Granada's de-gearing exercise. Last week, Granada unveiled plans to raise £310 million by selling its bingo clubs to Bass for £147 million and raising a further £163 million through a rights issue.

About £4 million of the consideration is being paid in cash. The balance has been raised by the issue of 2.1 million new shares, originally issued to Granada.

However, these shares were yesterday placed with institutions by Kleinwort Benson, the securities house.

In the year to September 29, Telefusion made pre-tax prof-

its of £3.6 million. But, after the disposal of certain businesses and rental contracts, this level of profit is not likely to be repeated in the near future.

In fact, the circular to shareholders gives a warning that profits of the continuing businesses will be "substantially lower".

Telefusion is estimated to have net assets of £2 million, £1.5 million of which is in cash.

If a revaluation indicates a higher figure, Blick has to pay Granada up to £500,000 more, making a maximum consideration of £8.8 million.

## Fine Art increases dividend

FINE Art Developments, the greetings cards manufacturer and mail order company that holds a 10 per cent stake in Grattan, is raising its final dividend from 6.6p to 7.3p a share, making 9.8p (8.9p), after reporting pre-tax profits of £26.6 million (£25.7 million) for the year end March.

Turnover was 9.2 per cent higher at £279.7 million. The group says it has invested in capital equipment and design capability.

It should, therefore, be in a strong position to take advantage of opportunities that will come from an upturn in the economy. The stake in Grattan is likely to rise to 15 per cent during the next year.

## Russian platinum supplies 'secure'

By COLIN CAMPBELL  
MINING CORRESPONDENT

THE Soviet Union will continue to market its platinum metals production in the West and supplies should not be affected by domestic political upheavals, the annual London Platinum Dinner was told this week.

Boris Ossipov, president of Salmaz, the joint-venture marketing company between Almazjvelreexport and Salomon Brothers, suggested that the USSR was responsible for 15 per cent of world platinum supply, 50 per cent of palladium and 45 per cent of rhodium. Production and consumption statistics have never officially been published for the Soviet Union's platinum group metals (pgm) industry.

Mr Ossipov added: "In my opinion, steady exports of precious metals to the west will be continued without any breaks. The USSR needs convertible currency and will continue to give high priority to exports."

Mr Ossipov forecast platinum demand would improve. But he suggested that there will be a more dramatic effect on rhodium prices in the short-term than might be expected in prices for platinum and palladium and that the platinum price had already seen the bottom.

## Lloyd's 'will lose £278m'

LLOYD'S of London must brace itself for a loss of nearly £300 million when the figures for the 1988 year of account are announced next month, according to preliminary estimates from Chaset, the Lloyd's analyst.

Losses on marine underwriting are now thought to be much larger than estimated and sufficient to drag the market as a whole down to a £278 million (2.6 per cent) deficit.

If losses on earlier, still-open years are added, the loss would be £350 million. Add to that advance cash calls on 1989 and 1990 years and names may be asked to write out cheques for £800 million this year, representing an 8 per cent loss. A much bigger loss is forecast for 1989.

## BA chief urges worldwide deregulation of airlines

By ROSS TIEMAN  
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

SIR Colin Marshall, chief executive of British Airways, has called for the deregulation and privatisation of the airline industry worldwide, including its infrastructural support of airports and air traffic control.

He accused the American government of being one of the most protectionist towards its airline industry and said that Europe was emerging in the vanguard of deregulation.

The adherence of the American administration to "musty, old legislation has been the cause of much inter-governmental controversy, and has frustrated our own, otherwise legitimate, development and has prevented hard-pressed US airlines from obtaining international investment," he said.

Sir Colin was speaking yesterday at a two-day symposium at the Queen Elizabeth II conference centre in London, organised by the European Federation of Management Consulting Associations.

Sir Colin said: "The European single market will be a springboard from which we can launch an accelerated drive for deregulation on a global scale, which would ultimately see the creation of a single world market in air transport."

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## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

## Profits slump 60% at Bank of Ireland

BANK of Ireland has followed the pattern set by its rival, Allied Irish Banks, by announcing a sharp downturn in profits as a result of poor performances in America and Britain. Bank of Ireland, which has suffered much more across the Atlantic and the Irish Sea, saw profits for the year to end March slump 60 per cent to £25.3 million (£48.5 million). A final dividend of 1.7p makes an unchanged 1.1p for the year.

Heavy loan losses in corporate and branch banking in Britain resulted in a £250.2 million loss compared with a £10 million profit. Losses resulting from the winding up of British Credit Trust, its instalment credit subsidiary, are included in a £119 million extraordinary charge for the year.

## US bank chief found guilty

LEWIS Donald Shattuck, a former vice-president of the failed Bank of New England who approved more than \$18 million in bad loans, has been convicted in a district court in Boston, Massachusetts, of 43 counts of embezzlement, misapplication of bank funds and making false entries. The bailout of the bank is expected to cost \$2.5 billion.

## ExCo incurs \$816,000 loss

THE Exploration Company of Louisiana, the oil and gas concern whose shares traded in London, attributed net losses of \$816,000 for the first quarter to a 27 per cent fall in gas prices, although production had risen from 180 million cu ft to 552 million. In the first quarter of last year, ExCo earned net income of \$248,000. Losses were 1 cent a share (nil).

## De Beers signs deal

DE BEERS Centenary, the diamond group, and the government of Botswana, home territory of the Jwaneng diamond mine, have signed a five-year exclusive sales contract replacing one that expired last December.

De Beers is commissioning a feasibility study for expansion at Jwaneng, the world's richest diamond deposit, and says a small neighbouring deposit discovered by its geologists will be incorporated into Jwaneng's reserves. De Beers, the joint company between De Beers and Botswana, owns three mines that annually produce 16 million carats.

## RIT Capital assets steady

RIT Capital Partners, Lord Rothschild's investment company, announced net assets per share of 131.7p (131p) for the year to end March, a performance slightly ahead of the Morgan Stanley Capital International index but behind the FT All Share, which rose 7 per cent. Pre-tax profit was £10.2 million (£12.3 million). The dividend is 2.44p (2.64p).

## LAIT makes cash call

LONDON & Associated Investment Trust has launched a five-for-eight rights issue to raise £5.7 million for investment in shopping parades. The shares, market price 26p, are offered at 20p. Pre-tax profits for last year were £848,000 (£841,000). A final 0.45p dividend makes a total of 0.5p, up 9 per cent. Net assets per share are almost unchanged at 49.3p.

## Sherwood buys

SHERWOOD Group, the Nottingham lingerie, lace and children's wear manufacturer, is buying Seden Holdings, a sock manufacturer, for £11.75 million. The purchase will be funded by a placing and open offer of Sherwood shares, which is subject to a clawback on a 1-for-7.2 basis at 475p a share, to raise £11.2 million. Sherwood shares firmed 2p to 503p.

Seden, based in Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, supplies many leading British retailers, including Marks and Spencer, BHS and Lylewoods. The company made pre-tax profits of £1.9 million in the year to end December.

## NAB falls as bad debt costs jump

From BRIAN BUCHANAN IN SYDNEY

NET profits at the National Australia Bank fell from Aus\$440 million to Aus\$361.2 million (£162 million) in the half-year to end March.

There was a significant increase in provision for bad and doubtful debts, but operations in Australia, the United Kingdom and Ireland showed continued strength. Bad debt charges rose 84.5 per cent from Aus\$247 million to Aus\$455.7 million.

The UK and Irish banks earned Aus\$166.3 million, compared with Aus\$124.3 million last time. These fig-

ures were boosted by a full contribution from the Yorkshire Bank, which was acquired in January last year.

Clydesdale contributed Aus\$51.2 million (Aus\$47.3 million), Northern Aus\$53.6 million (Aus\$43.5 million), Yorkshire Aus\$101.5 million (Aus\$39 million) and National Irish Aus\$54.4 million (Aus\$42 million).

Bad and doubtful debts for the UK and Irish banks rose to Aus\$103.6 million from Aus\$25.7 million. The interim dividend was 22 cents (26 cents).

## COMPANY BRIEFS

WARNER HOWARD (Fin)  
Pre-tax: £5.14m (£4.67m)  
EPS: 15.57p (13.51p)  
Div: 3.45p, mkg 5.2p

ASHLEY GROUP (Int)  
Pre-tax: £8.01m (£5.84m)  
EPS: 4.7p (4.11p)  
Div: 0.75p (0.825p)

ALLIED PARTNERSHIP  
Pre-tax: £1.71m (£6.25m)  
EPS: 3.20p (6.29p)  
Div: 0.5p, mkg 1.5p (2p)

APPLEBY WESTWARD  
Pre-tax: £2.06m (£2.04m)  
EPS: 25.8p (23.9p)  
Div: 5.5p, mkg 8.5p (8p)

APLEBY WESTWARD (Int)  
Pre-tax: £491,000  
EPS: 5.2p (10.9p)  
Div: 3.5p (3.5p)

BISCH MINING (Fin)  
Pre-tax: £137,000  
EPS: 1.01p (1.18p)  
Div: 0.6p (0.56p)

JACKSON GROUP (Fin)  
Pre-tax: £267,000 (£23.3m)  
EPS: 3.2p (3.8p)  
Div: 2.2p, mkg 3.2p

YORKLYDE (Fin)  
Pre-tax: £1.82m (£2.47m)  
EPS: 25.2p (32.5p)  
Div: 5.7p, mkg 9.7p

Last time's total dividend was 4.5p. Turnover grew to £17.7m (£16.3m). The company said the current year has started well.

Turnover grew to £184m (£134m). Company will close two distribution centres in Spain, transferring their operations to other centres.

Final results. Net extraordinary charges of £8.02m and exceptional charges of £765,000. Turnover fell to £104.2m (£111.4m).

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Last time's profit was £1.03m. Turnover fell to £10.4m (£12.7m). Company expects to come through current environment in good shape.

Last time's profit was £166,000. Net asset value per share, 48.3p (48.84p). Extraordinary profit of £256,000 (£317,000).

Last time's total dividend was 3.2p. Exceptional debit of £250,000 (nil). Net asset value per share fell to 73p (75p).

Last time's total dividend was 8.7p. The company said it is soundly placed to meet the difficult trading conditions being experienced.

## NAIOP INDICES

|                |                    |           |                  |
|----------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------|
| New York       | 2893.11 (+27.73)   | Brussels  | 6779.45 (+13.91) |
| Dow Jones      | 372.25 (+3.83)     | General   | 1321.08 (+4.48)  |
| S&P Composite  | 372.25 (+3.83)     | Paric CAC | 1321.08 (+4.48)  |
| Tokyo          | 25520.27 (+302.20) | Zurich    | 538.6 (+1.2)     |
| Nikkei Average | 25520.27 (+302.20) | London    | 1198.09 (+5.27)  |
| Hong Kong      | 3859.85 (+89.97)   | FT-100    | 1321.08 (+4.48)  |
| Hang Seng      | 3859.85 (+89.97)   | FT-100    | 1321.08 (+4.48)  |
| FTSE 100       | 1112.65 (+3.25)    | FT-100    | 1321.08 (+4.48)  |
| Amsterdam      | 83.3 (-0.2)        | FT-100    | 1321.08 (+4.48)  |
| CGS Tendency   | 83.3 (-0.2)        | FT-100    | 1321.08 (+4.48)  |
| Sydney         | 1540.4 (+21.2)     | FT-100    | 1321.08 (+4.48)  |
| Frankfurt      | 1588.08 (+7.73)    | FT-100    | 1321.08 (+4.48)  |

## TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| First Dealings                      | Last Dealings                       | Last Dealings                       | For Settlement                      |
| May 7                               | May 8                               | May 8                               | May 8                               |
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## RESILIENT PERFORMANCE IN A DIFFICULT YEAR

"This has been a difficult year for AIB Group but the bank has performed well in the face of the testing economic environments in two of its core markets."

Gerald B Scanlan  
Group Chief Executive

Operating profit before bad debts of Stg£313.9m up 5%

Provisions for bad debts up 76%

Profit before tax Stg£160.0m down 25%

Earnings per share Stg13.6p

Final dividend of Stg3.8p giving Stg6.9p for the year

Allied Irish Banks, p.l.c.

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## Japanese brokers report profit falls of up to 70%

From REUTER IN TOKYO

JAPANESE brokers have released details of the damage they suffered during last year's market slide. But it was no worse than expected and should fade considerably in the year to come, analysts said.

"The numbers were in line with expectations," said Linda Daquil, an analyst at UBS Phillips & Drew. "There were no real surprises."

The Big Four broking houses, Nomura Securities, Daiwa Securities, Nikko Securities, and Yamaichi Securities, reported 30 to 70 per cent drops in parent company net profits for the year ending March 31. They were hit badly last year by the stock market's

47 per cent decline. As share turnover fell and new issues dried up, the firms were left facing sharp drops in commission and underwriting income.

The Nikkei average was back to 25,520.27 points yesterday from a 19,781.70 intraday low point last October, but trade has remained slow and new issues are being held back.



# Hanson picks his moment well

## COMMENT

With his customary elegance Lord Hanson sidestepped press invitations to disclose more about his intentions towards ICI when he collected an honorary degree in Huddersfield yesterday. Barring some opaque references to the £7 billion cash mountain which graces his balance sheet, Lord Hanson would not be drawn for legal reasons, he suggested. In this case it is fair to say that his silence was probably significant.

He could easily have reaffirmed the stated intention to hold the ICI shares as an investment and left it at that. But if indeed he wants to keep his options open Hanson knows that he must tread warily. He has the Takeover Panel to worry about.

In a similar situation, James Gulliver, then head of the Argyll supermarkets group fell foul of the panel and some say that it cost him outright victory in the battle for control of Distillers.

Unlike Sir Owen Green of BTR, who failed in his battle for control of Pilkington, Lord Hanson has chosen the moment well. The cautious Sir Owen made his offer three months too

late allowing Pilkington to make a decisive profits forecast which turned the battle at its crucial stage.

If ICI were forced to forecast the current year profits the result would not appear pretty. Most analysts are looking for another sharp downturn, with a further £130 million decline after a disastrous 1990. The recovery is due in 1992, but putting a detailed forecast on that would be hard to achieve.

If the timing is right, what of the tactics. Most City folk are puzzled at the apparently clumsy manner in which Hanson acquired his stake, paying well above the going rate in a high profile operation. No subtlety here.

Could it be that Hanson was determined to avoid the mistake made by his friend Sir James Goldsmith in his abortive bid for BAT. Sir James says his great blunder was in not securing a few per cent of BAT's capital before the assault. This would have at

least covered the costs of failure assuming that ICI's price will rise during a bid. Lord Hanson at least is in no such danger.

### Taurus date

At last, the Stock Exchange has another date for the start of Taurus. May 11, 1992, may be no more than a possible date pencilled into a diary, but that may be enough to galvanise some doubtful and sceptical smaller potential participants into action to prepare for the change.

The delays in drawing up regulations for the switch to paperless trading have not been a waste of time. The government has wisely insisted on almost excessive layers of protection for private investors. Otherwise, they are

likely to feel railroaded out of their share certificates, in company votes where big institutions hold sway, into something the experts say is better. That is a surefire recipe for paranoia.

The system has also been designed for the investor to notice as little difference as possible, although the introduction of individual code numbers proffers great potential for confusion. Duplication of records, while not helping efficiency, is a vital internal safety mechanism.

The unanswerable question, as yet, is whether a technical move to remove layers of back-office paperwork will do just that, or set off another series of changes in the securities business as far-reaching as the 1986 Big Bang.

Dennis Sherwood of Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, for instance,

argues that with computerised records and code numbers, there is little in principle to stop the development of systems that allow small investors to make modest trades at any time of the day or night through the equivalent of a bank cash machine.

The high street banks have been forced to do some fresh thinking by the Chancellor's challenge to come up with ideas for the sale of the government's remaining BT shares.

Who knows where it might lead?

### Macho style

Spain's counter-inflationary matadors, having faced up to the exchange-rate mechanism *toro* for months, have vaulted into the safety of the parity grid limits.

Without firm evidence that their bravado in resisting interest rate cuts has been rewarded on

the inflation front, the central bank pared its key interest rate by three quarters of a point to 12.75 per cent.

Carlos Solchaga, the finance minister, and Mario Rubio, the central bank governor, have taken a macho stance of late over keeping the reins tight. Wednesday's consumer price data only showed a modest fall of 0.2 per cent in April and underlying inflation would appear to be stuck.

The most probable explanation for the change of heart, is that Spain has been persuaded that intervention to hold down the peseta will not succeed in removing tensions in the exchange-rate mechanism.

Resisting interest rate cuts at home, has reduced the scope for others to ease monetary policy as recession casts its shadow across Europe. The strong peseta was a constraint on Britain during its first months in the exchange-rate mechanism.

But with sterling off the bottom of grid, Spain's behaviour should be of little consequence to the Chancellor when resetting British base rates.

## Playing the numbers game with inflation

INFLATION is a subject that even Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, and Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Governor of the Bank of England, can agree on. Inflation, they tell us, is the ultimate economic evil and crushing it is the government's only legitimate economic goal.

But before embarking on the crusade that has thrown the economy into the present recession, the government might have done well to ask two simple questions. What exactly is inflation? And how do we know whether it is going up or down?

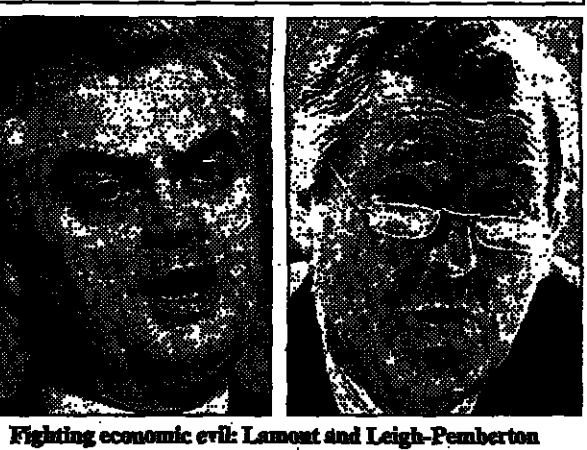
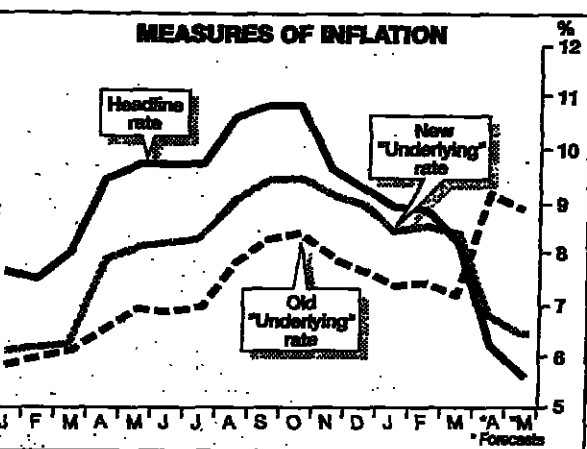
If these questions seem trivial or pointless, wait till 11.30 this morning, when the Central Statistical Office announces the retail prices index for April.

This eagerly awaited announcement, according to the latest survey of City estimates by Money Market Services, the forecasting group, will reveal that prices rose by 1.1 per cent last month - equivalent to annual inflation of 14.1 per cent; a horrendous figure, surely, amply justifying the Bank of England's warnings against a "false dawn". Well, not quite.

The CSO will also announce this morning that the official measure of annual inflation has actually fallen sharply - from 8.2 per cent in March to 6.2 per cent in April - according to MMS. The Labour party will ridicule this officially defined improvement, insisting that the government's own measure of "underlying" inflation has actually jumped from 7.3 per cent in March to 9.2 per cent or thereabouts. But the Treasury's economists will parry with yet another figure - a "new" underlying rate, devised to take account of the tax changes in the Budget.

The old underlying rate excluded mortgage interest payments and poll tax. Since the whole point of the Budget was to give money back to the voters with one hand, through poll tax rebates, and take it with the other hand, through higher value-added tax, any measure of inflation that ignored the cuts in poll tax would be a gross distortion. Enter the new "underlying" rate, still disregarding mortgages, but this time including poll tax. The Chancellor will be able to boast today that his new underlying rate is moving right on target, falling from 8.4 per cent in March to around 6.7 per cent.

So far, so simple. But what about Mr Leigh-Pemberton, that turbulent priest of the anti-inflationary religion? Do not be lulled by "siren voices" that sing of RPI measures, the Governor has said in a series of Delphic and portentous pronouncements. The Bank's economists insist that a truer



Fighting economic evil: Lamont and Leigh-Pemberton

gauge of inflationary pressure in the economy is the producer prices index.

The annual PPI increase has remained firmly stuck around 6 per cent for the past two years, suggesting neither a sudden burst of inflation last year nor any sharp improvement since then. But that would be far too easy. Earlier this week, producer prices jumped 1.2 per cent, equivalent to an annual rate of 15.4 per cent, in part as a result of the Budget, pushing the year-on-year rate of wholesale inflation to 6.4 per cent, its highest since 1982. The Bank may have been alarmed, but the figures were grist to the Treasury's statistical mill. Just look at the beautiful behaviour of the "underlying" producer prices index, a measure that excludes food, drinks and tobacco, declared the mandarins of Great George Street. This useful little indicator has dropped from 6.5 per cent in February to 6.1 per cent in

March to 5.9 per cent last month.

What, then, is today's true rate of inflation, and is the trend deteriorating or improving?

Assuming this morning's RPI turns out to be in line with expectations, inflation will be either 14.1 per cent or 6.2 per cent, unless it is 6.7 or 9.7. On the PPI measure, it would be fair to put it somewhere between 6.4 per cent and 15.4 per cent, without losing sight of the Treasury's figure of 5.9 per cent. As for the trend, it is either rising or falling, although a few economists might argue that there has actually been remarkably little change for a year or more.

The trouble, of course, is that the "true" rate of inflation, is something of a mirage. Inflation can be measured precisely only when it is steady. When prices are changing abruptly from month to month, all measures

## Protective measures will cover Taurus

A WIDE range of measures to protect investors has been injected into the arrangements for the Stock Exchange's Taurus settlement system to persuade shareholders to vote away share certificates and opt for paperless share trading.

The long-awaited draft regulations, published yesterday as a consultative document by a committee headed by John Redwood, the corporate affairs minister, confirm that the trade secretary will be the ultimate regulator of the computerised system. He will have powers to appoint and dismiss the International Stock Exchange as its operator and will receive regular reports.

In turn, the operator will be responsible for vetting and regulating the account controllers and other participants.

Participants will be required to put up capital or insurance against their Taurus settlement business. Peter Rawlings, chief executive of the Stock Exchange, estimates the combined funds available for compensation at £930 million.

To cover defaults or other cases where investors cannot recover losses directly, the Stock Exchange will set up a compensation scheme that can pay out up to £100 million a year. Compensation can be paid to a private investor for losses up to £250,000 per default - more than five times the maximum compensation payable under the Securities and Investments Board scheme for other defaults.

The trade secretary will also appoint a complaints commissioner. His recommendations will not be binding, but can be used for an appeal to the financial services tribunal.

Mr Redwood emphasised that it would be up to shareholders in each quoted company to vote for the switch from the existing system to investment accounts.

Mr Rawlings said that, provided parliament approved late this autumn, the system should start operating in a year's time, with dealings in the shares of the first companies possibly beginning on May 11.

In that case, he said, the exchange should start to move away from the 14-day account to rolling settlement towards the end of 1992, and the move should save between 10 and 20 per cent of settlement costs.

ANATOLE KALETSKY  
Economics Editor

## Argyll moves into the big league in a small way

ARGYLL's £387 million rights issue to finance store openings allows Safeway to compete more with Tesco and Sainsbury and puts extra distance between itself and Asda and Gateway, the weakest in the sector.

But it also raises the issue of whether sitting at the poker table with Tesco and Sainsbury is a good idea for a company which, although strong, is never going to be more than number three. The leaders have deeper pockets and created the rules.

There are those who would rather have seen Argyll go more aggressively into new markets, overseas or at home. The returns from food retailing are still strong. Pre-tax profits of £290.8 million for the year to end March are 19 per cent higher than last year, excluding exceptional items. Turnover rose 15 per cent to £4.76 billion and earnings per share 20 per cent to 22.1p.

The final dividend of 5.85p makes 8.7p for the year, a 20 per cent rise. Margins increased by 0.7 per cent to 6.7 per cent and the return on capital over the last three years is 30 per cent.

But as store building becomes more expensive and the competition stiffer, return on capital employed will become less attractive. Argyll concedes this will happen but not until the end of the decade. Argyll's ace could be its damages claim against Guinness over the Distillers bid. A successful claim could net £1 billion.

In the meantime the shares, down 10p at 297p, are trading on 12 times earnings assuming

## Shell

SHELL is the latest oil company to exceed City forecasts and it is tempting to accuse analysts of being too bullish about the sector. Beneath the glossy surface, however, the first-quarter figures confirm the difficulties oil companies are facing in the recession.

Although a small decline had been expected, net income was up from £816 million to £847 million, which equates to earnings of 9.3p a share, up from 9p. After stripping out stock losses arising from lower oil prices, replacement cost income rose from £826 million to £1,225 million.

Shell owes its profitability to a favourable £207 million swing in corporate items, which contributed £34 million. This includes exchange gains of £58 million and net interest charges down from £147 million to £24 million. The benefit of gearing of 9 per cent, compared with BP's 50 per cent, is obvious.

The underlying performance was unimpressive. Earnings from operations fell from £1.01 billion to £801 million, reflecting lower returns from each main sector. The downturn was severe in chemicals, which contributed just £39 million, against £159 million. Full-year earnings seem certain to decline from last year's 39.6p a share to around 35p.

## BOC Group

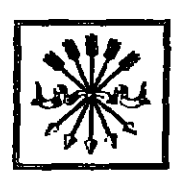
PAT Rich, chairman-elect next January of The BOC Group, is master of six languages but the slave of as many currencies.

Interim results to end March showing pre-tax profits of £150.2 million against £170.1 million again bear the bruises of exchange-rate movements, without which profits would have been £17 million up. They also show the effects of a planned high rate of capital expenditure and reduced tax allowances on the interest bill, up 12 per cent to £37.6 million.

BOC's results look reasonably good on a six-months view, but not so strong on a quarter by quarter basis. Second quarterly data show a slower rate of growth on the sales and operating profit fronts, and a faster downturn at the pre-tax level.

Pre-tax profit forecasts for 1991 have been shaved from earlier thoughts of around £350 million (compared with an actual £354.3 million seen in 1990) to between £320 million and £340 million. A modest profit recovery in 1992 is possible.

The shares, down 4p at 539p, have underperformed the market over the past year, and currently trade on 11.8 times earnings, backed by a 5.1 per cent yield. ICI remains the market's preference.



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### Poll backs rate cuts

IS THE City still behind John Major and the Conservative party? Mori, the opinion research group, sought to answer the question yesterday morning with a poll of everyday City folk. A surprisingly low 55 per cent did not favour a change in government and change in government and the 867 interviewed said they would definitely like to see a change. Two-thirds of those who considered themselves Conservative supporters believe the economy will improve in the second half of the year. But, adding spice to the debate on whether or not base rates should be cut, 80 per cent agreed that a further cut in interest rates would be for the national good - in stark contrast to the hard line taken

### Horsing around

AT A loss for a new company to acquire? Buy a racehorse

Instead, Terence Fane-Saunders, former head of Burson Marsteller and founder of Chelgate, a City PR firm, has done just that. He joins his clients at Sandown on bank holiday Monday to back *Dancing Sensation*, a four-year-old mare from the Robert Sangster stable, which will be sporting the Chelgate colours. Fane-Saunders, who once ran the New York operations of Hill & Knowlton, says: "We will use her strictly for public relations. I was thinking of buying another PR company but it was easier to buy a horse."

### Calder's hat-trick

AFTER five years with the same company, anything can happen. Take Marjorie Calder, popular head of marketing at Murray Johnstone, the Scottish investment house,

### who scored a hat-trick last week

She celebrated her thirtieth birthday, finished an MBA, and resigned from the firm - all on the same day. "I will be staying on as a consultant to the company until July," says Calder, who worked at the International Stock Exchange from 1984-86 before moving to Glasgow to take up the post. She is expecting her first baby in August.

### For the record

FOUR City financiers hope to set a world record next month and raise money for the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, when they tackle 16 rounds of golf on the world's most northern 18-hole course. Simon Gard of David Cowley, the futures broker, Simon Cowley of Hambros, and Nick Harley and Alastair Maxwell, both of Kleinwort

### Benson, fly to Iceland's Akureyri Golf Club on June 21

Gard, aged 29, who was on the Hoare Govett options desk from 1983-88, says: "We will have 24-hour's daylight." Proceeds go to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

### The other Tass

WHEN a company is launched, the directors would like to think they have, at least, got the name right. So spare a thought for TASS Asset Management which, despite its name, has nothing to do with TASS, the Soviet news agency. Nicola Meaden, who launched the company in April, says: "We had a deluge of jokes about glasnost and perestroika. Others have asked what assets the Soviet news agency has to manage." TASS stands for Trading Advisor Selection System.

"I think things have probably bottomed out."







# Portfolio

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| 91  | 115 | Black (F) | 40 | 416 | -1 | 23.3 | 5.3 | 5.7 |
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| 93  | 115 | Black (F) | 40 | 416 | -1 | 23.3 | 5.3 | 5.7 |
| 94  | 115 | Black (M) | 40 | 416 | -1 | 23.3 | 5.3 | 5.7 |
| 95  | 115 | Black (F) | 40 | 416 | -1 | 23.3 | 5.3 | 5.7 |
| 96  | 115 | Black (M) | 40 | 416 | -1 | 23.3 | 5.3 | 5.7 |
| 97  | 115 | Black (F) | 40 | 416 | -1 | 23.3 | 5.3 | 5.7 |
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| 22  | 3   | Exportation Trust | 0   | 0   | -14 | -   | -   | 0    |
| 350 | 285 | Estates & Agency  | 285 | 285 | -   | 8.4 | 3.1 | 48.8 |
| 130 | 90  | Estate Plan       | 125 | 133 | -   | 5.0 | 3.9 | 11.1 |

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| 40 | 1   | Five Oaks | 34 | 34 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 37 | 2   | Washburne | 34 | 34 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 37 | 3   | Washburne | 34 | 34 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 37 | 4   | Washburne | 34 | 34 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 37 | 5   | Washburne | 34 | 34 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
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| 165 | 130 | McKay Secs  | 160 | 170 | 8.0  | 4.8  | 15.7 |
| 43  | 35  | Northbeam   | 31  | 34  | 8.0  | 24.2 | 3.4  |
| 243 | 193 | Marine Mgmt | 215 | 230 | 14.0 | 5.2  | 5.5  |

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| 6   | 28  | Montreal, Quebec | 36  | 32  | 33  | 7.8  | 8.9  |
| 7   | 29  | Montreal, Quebec | 36  | 32  | 33  | 7.8  | 8.9  |
| 12  | 815 | Montreal, Quebec | 118 | 118 | 118 | 10.7 | 10.7 |
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| 97  | 900 | Montreal, Quebec | 118 | 118 | 118 | 10.7 | 10.7 |
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| 99  | 902 | Montreal, Quebec | 118 | 118 | 118 | 10.7 | 10.7 |
| 100 | 903 | Montreal, Quebec | 118 | 118 | 118 | 10.7 | 10.7 |

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| 75  | 80 | Bolton (A) | 68  | 72  | 6 | 8.4  | 9.1 | 8.9  |
| 68  | 51 | Bolton Co  | 66  | 62  | - | -    | -   | -    |
| 129 | 85 | Br Motor   | 120 | 125 | 6 | 17.5 | 9.2 | 10.5 |

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| 213 | 138 | Clarison (M)    | 187 | 202 | — | 10.7 | 5.4 | 9.8 |
| 200 | 95  | Dexter & Newman | 135 | 180 | — | —    | —   | —   |

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| 314 | 351 | Anglian Water | 305 | 305 | +7 | 21.4 | 5.5 | 8.7 |
| 339 | 263 | Northumbrian  | 308 | 314 | +1 | 21.4 | 5.8 | 4.7 |

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| 3026, 2131 Savers Trust  | 278  | 266 | +19  | 8.7  | 8.1 |
| 3030, 295 Sun Water      | 270  | 275 | +5   | 20.0 | 5.6 |
| 297, 185 South Water     | 303  | 299 | +4   | 23.2 | 5.2 |
| 303, 290 Thomas Water    | 311  | 315 | +4   | 21.4 | 3.6 |
| 305, 272 Wells Water     | 329  | 335 | +6   | 22.4 | 3.8 |
| 307, 185 Wells Water     | 328  | 329 | +1   | 22.0 | 5.2 |
| 303, 284 Yorkshire Water | 325  | 322 | -3   | 20.0 | 5.6 |
| 03138 2000 Package List  | 0000 |     | +547 |      |     |

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| 41 | 20 | Goodwood     | 41 | 20 | 41 | 21 | 48 | 32 |
| 42 | 20 | Antennas     | 42 | 20 | 42 | 21 | 48 | 32 |
| 43 | 20 | More @ Plant | 43 | 20 | 43 | 21 | 48 | 32 |
| 44 | 20 | 5000 Gups    | 44 | 20 | 44 | 21 | 48 | 32 |
| 45 | 20 | High Hedge   | 45 | 20 | 45 | 21 | 48 | 32 |
| 46 | 20 | 10000 Gups   | 46 | 20 | 46 | 21 | 48 | 32 |
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| 55 | 58 | Mountleigh        | 52 | 58 | +3 | 5.3 | 7.5 | 2.1 |

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 10 (D,G,S) W Sheedy 11-10-3 S Hodgson (S)  
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 1 CAPTAIN S (6.5) G Richards 6-11-5 N Doughty  
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 3 K 11 (F.S) Mrs S Oliver 11-11-2 Jacqui Oliver  
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 5 DS GEMME 88 P Pritchard 6-10-12  
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 10 Mrs S Minns 8-10-7 D Byrne  
 1 Picador, 9-2 Noel Luck, 12-1 Spinney Light.

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 2m) (13)

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 CE 10 (D,F) N Tinkler 4-11-8 \_\_\_\_\_ M McCourt  
 27 R Hollnhead 5-11-3 \_\_\_\_\_ Mr S Wynne (7)  
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 W Humphreys  
 MBSB 13F J Boslock 4-10-5 J Twomey (7)  
 LLON 6 (S) Mrs J Patter 7-10-3  
 M A Fitzgerald (7)  
 (D,F) A James 4-10-2 \_\_\_\_\_ E Tierney (7)  
 N 13 J McCannochie 5-10-1 \_\_\_\_\_ R Sipple  
 RORT C Jackson 7-10-0 \_\_\_\_\_ J Bryan  
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 5 GOLD 11 G G Balding 5-11-6 S Hodgson  
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 A Stamford (7)  
 VER 29 (G) J McConnochie 8-10-13 G Upton  
 SCOT 6 A James 7-10-10 M Hoed  
 EAM 17 (B,F,S) J Balser 5-10-10 S Burrough  
 AUD 8 (F,G,S) M Charles 9-10-7  
 Judy Davies (7)  
 LAD 37 (F) J Bukowski 8-10-3 W Bird (7)  
 (C,G,S) J McConnochie 5-10-1 J Pullin (7)  
 Y 7 (G) R Roe 7-10-0 D Leahy (7)  
 (F) Donald G. A. Atkinson 7-10-10

**Perth**  
 Voting: good (good to firm in places)  
 15 (2m hole) 1, Merlangton (D Morris, 6-4  
 W; 2, Eastern Whisper (7-1); 3, Lathren  
 Rose (10-1), 18 m. NFF: Mulfield 3, 121 Mrs  
 Jordan. Total: £2.30: £1 20, £2.10, £2.10

45 (3m) ch 1. *Mythic Music* (Mr K Anderson, 2:11 fav); 2, *Bay Bridge* (18-1); 3, *Arde Way* (12-1); 10 ran. *Mr. Major Rouge* (Mr. J. Wilson, 2:10.00); 11, *Wagon*. Totals: E:1.50; C:1.10, 0.00, 0.20, D: 24.80, CSF: 55.24

20 (3m) ch 1. *The Demon Barber* (Noughy, 1:18 fav); 2, *Reiver's Lad* (7-2); 3, *My Handy Man* (9-1); 5 ran. *Nr. Penty Mack, Carousel Cossack*. Hd, 10l. G chords. Totals: E:2.40; C:1.40, 1.00, 0.10, D: 24.60, CSF: 55.68

20 (2m 4f hds) 1. *General Pershing* (Noughy, 5-4 fav); 2, *Chevrolet* (12-1); 3, *Johnny Reider* (9-1) 13 ran. *NR. Rowan's Son* (10-1) 12 ran. G Richards. Totals: E:2.00, 0.50, 0.50, D: 22.50, Df: 532.10, CSF: 0.36, Trains: 149.60

25 (3m Indle) 1, Ask Moss (J Frost, 8-13  
/); 2, Bowlands Way (7-2); 3, Glen Morvern  
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# Day that marked the birth of professionalism

By CLIVE WHITE

At a time when commercial expediency, in the shape of a proposed premier league, is poised to ride roughshod over some of English football's more traditional values, it was both reassuring and appropriate in this FA Cup final week to see past and present reaffirm its links in an historical union.

One hundred and eight years ago two teams that might have come from opposite ends of the earth, so far removed were they from one another in terms of the game they played and the life they led, contested the FA Cup final. The divide between north and south was never again to be more sharply illustrated than it was the day that Blackburn Olympic played the Old Etonians, the holders, at Kennington Oval.

Ruffians and Gentlemen were indistinguishable in a game that did neither team credit and from which Blackburn emerged 2-1 winners. After extra time, to become the first club to take the trophy out of the home counties. It marked the end of the amateurs' domination of the game and the birth of professionalism.

Since Blackburn Olympic was subsequently dissolved, it was apt that Rovers, whom the Old Etonians had beaten in the previous year's Final and who immediately took up Olympic's mantle, winning the cup for a record four consecutive years, should be the recipient of an invitation from the Old Etonians

Football Club on Wednesday to a dinner in both clubs' honour in the Election Hall at the old college.

The reunion was the idea of Richard Barber, an Old Etonian, and Jeremy Paul, a television scriptwriter and football historian, who together have formed a company called Oppidan Films, named after the paying pupils at Eton. It is their intention to produce, providing they can gain sufficient financial backing, a mini-series for English and American television built around the famous 1883 match, which they will contrast with the north-south divide that existed in America after the Civil War.

Both, of course, resulted in conclusive victories for the north over the south. It is a theme not unfamiliar to Paul, who was responsible for scripting *Upstairs, Downstairs*.

It was a pity they did not have the cameras rolling when the Blackburn party, led by Bill Fox, the chairman, and including four members of the present-day team, arrived in Eton looking every bit as curious and not a little bemused about what the day had in store for them as those Lancashire sons of cotton mill workers (not to mention a few Scottish ringers) must have been when they arrived for that momentous match.

Eton, captained by Lord Alfred Kinnaird, were strong favourites to win the 1883 Final but were guilty of overconfidence. In the second half, according to *Athletic*



Historic win: rough stuff as Blackburn Olympic beat Old Etonians in 1882 at Kennington Oval

*News* "a knocking out spirit seemed to pervade both teams" and the legendary Arthur Dunn, of the Old Etonians, had to be carried off the field after being "canonised against and thrown" as *The Times* put it.

With the score at 1-1 and extra-time looming for the depleted and weary public school side, Lord Kinnaird, an extrovert character — the "Gazza" of his day — must have had serious misgivings about having agreed beforehand, as one

had to in those days, to an extra 30 minutes play.

Despite protests they were in no fit state to continue. Major Sir Francis Marindin, the president of the Football Association, ordered that the game must continue, and Olympic, managed by Jack Hunter, a circus strong-man, made their superior fitness and revolutionary "passing game" tell against the Old Etonian dribblers. A reluctant call for three cheers from Lord Kinnaird was met by

an unenthusiastic response from the Old Etonians. It was the sixth and last Final that the college team contested, but links with the modern game still remain. Lord Kinnaird, who was a senior partner of Ransom's Bank, and two other fellow bankers and former Old Etonian footballers by the names of Bevan and Barclay, later joined forces to found the Barclays Bank, which, of course, sponsors, the Football League today.



Historic visit: Blackburn Rovers accept invitation to Eton

## Smith and Benson make hay with centuries on a day seriously affected by the elements

### Reeve has all-round cleverness

By GEOFFREY WHEELER

A YEAR to the day since he made his career-best score of 202 not out against Northamptonshire, Dermot Reeve underlined his all-round value to Warwickshire yesterday by underlining the Glamorgan innings at Swansea.

Conditions were rather different at St Helens in Northampton last May. As in most of the rest of the country it rained and the light was poor, but there was time for 72 overs during which Glamorgan clawed their way to 149 for six, which represented some sort of recovery from 80 for five as Reeve, with his clever swing and seam bowling, took three wickets for 11 runs in a ten-over spell.

Glamorgan, who were without Maynard, who has a broken finger, were always struggling until the seventh-wicket pair, Holmes and Metson dropped anchor in a partnership which is so far worth 41.

Allan Lamb, the Northamptonshire captain, who had hoped to play against Leicestershire despite having a minor operation earlier in the week, decided to delay his return until Sunday.

He missed very little for only 36 overs could be bowled in cold and gloomy conditions. Tim Boon managed to keep his concentration through the frequent stoppages after he had been missed at second slip when only seven.

He had made 39 of Leicestershire's 86 for two, having seen Briers, his captain, bowled by Thomas and Hepworth depart lbw, sweeping at the first delivery he received from Williams.

John Crawley played almost a lone hand for Cambridge University as they replied to the Middlesex score of 280 for three at Fenner's. Cowans had taken three wickets by the time the score reached 16 and then Tufnell claimed two cheap victims. But Crawley showed why he is so highly thought of by Leicestershire by fighting his way to an unbeaten 34 in a score of 67 for five.

Oxford University did much better against Gloucestershire in the Parks, although they lost two early wickets to Babington. But they were revived by Chinmay Gupta, who made an unbeaten 55 — his maiden half-century — and shared in a third-wicket partnership of 99 with Geoff Lovell, an Australian in his first year at Oxford on a Bradman scholarship. Lovell reached 49 before he too fell to Babington.

Two of the four-day championship games failed to get under way. Rain washed out all hopes of play at Headingley, where Yorkshire are due to play Nottinghamshire while the blank day at Old Trafford means that Derbyshire's batsmen are still waiting to receive their first ball in the championship this season.

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### Wells rues decision to put Hampshire in

By JOHN WOODCOCK

HOVE (first day of four; Sussex won toss; Hampshire have scored 298 for one wicket against Sussex)

HAVING put Middlesex in to bat at Lord's last week and gained a great victory, Sussex tried it again against Hampshire yesterday and must have wished most profoundly that they had not. By the end of a heavily overcast day Hampshire were 298 for one, Christopher Smith and Terry having shared an opening partnership of 274.

With his fifth hundred of the season Smith took his aggregate, in all competitions, to 1,010. He has played 12 innings, five of them first-class, if you call the university sides that, and Alan Wells's invitation to bat, on the gentlest imaginable pitch, was all he could have asked for.

If Smith goes on at this rate his name is bound to crop up when the selectors come round to choosing a Test side. So long as we allow South Africans and Zimbabweans and West Indians to play for England we run a grave risk at the moment of fielding no Englishmen at all — or at any rate only Gooch and Russell.

While Smith was making his 42nd first-class hundred, Terry was going to his 23rd. Holders already of Hampshire's record first wicket partnership (347 against Warwickshire at Edgbaston in 1987) they cruised along, severe on the loose ball yet sufficiently unsure of them-

selves to go off for poor light whenever they were given the chance. In this respect, Hampshire, several times, were unbelievably hit. Smith faced 247 balls and hit 22 fours. Terry has so far faced 318 and hit 21 fours.

I have no idea of the longest a captain has had to wait for a wicket after choosing to field, but Wells cannot now be far away. Five hours and 82 overs passed before Smith was caught in the gully.

The early wickets which Hampshire had bargained for never looked like coming. The watchfulness of Smith and Terry saw to that, and very soon the match was set on its course. What Sussex needed was an old fox, someone like Ian Thomson, to swing the ball and put it right on the spot, regardless of pace. It was the sort of overcast day on which the ball would swing, enough at times to compensate for the slowness of the pitch.

Another time Pigott might have provided the answer, but not yesterday. In the absence of Doddemaide with a pulled hamstring, Ed Giddins, a young Old Eastbourneian who was coached there by Ted James of Sussex, took the new ball with Jones, looking at a distance like Angus Fraser and aiming to bowl like him. Sussex do well by their own schools. Of the present side, seven were educated in the county, as, of course, was their captain, Parker, who is missing from this match with a

poisoned arm. Yesterday Giddins did quite well, but only Salisbury, with his leg breaks, provided any variety in the Sussex attack. For most of the day Moores stood back, having a good deal more leg-side work to do than the bowlers intended. It can be a boring game when one ball is so much like the next, whether the bowlers are four West Indians or four of a kind in a county side.

By lunch Smith and Terry had made 90. By tea they had advanced to 232. Smith's preparation for his innings was to have someone throwing bouncers at him from halfway down a net, not batting practice so much as ducking-and-ducking practice. In the event he had nothing to duck. He played from the start like a man settling in for the day, and by noon the idea had come to Terry too.

|                      | P | W | L | TNR | Pts |
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| Nottinghamshire (4)  | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0   | 12  |
| Derbyshire (1)       | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0   | 8   |
| Surrey (2)           | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0   | 8   |
| Worcestershire (11)  | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0   | 8   |
| Gloucestershire (2)  | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0   | 8   |
| Warwickshire (14)    | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0   | 8   |
| Essex (12)           | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0   | 8   |
| Northants (18)       | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0   | 8   |
| Leicestershire (2)   | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0   | 8   |
| Lancashire (2)       | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0   | 8   |
| Surrey (2)           | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0   | 8   |
| Kent (10)            | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0   | 8   |
| Yorkshire (2)        | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0   | 8   |
| Gloucestershire (15) | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0   | 8   |
| Gloucestershire (9)  | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0   | 8   |

(1980 positions in brackets)

### Britannia Assurance county championship

#### Kent v Essex

FOLKESTONE (Kent won toss): Kent have scored 240 runs for one wicket against Essex.

KENT: First innings  
N R Taylor c Glamorgan b Pridge 26  
T R Ward not out 113  
Extras (lb 1, lb 3, nb 4) 13  
Total (1 wk, 79 overs) 240

ESSEX: First innings  
P Ricketts c Glamorgan b Pridge 11  
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Sussex v Hants  
HOVE (Sussex won toss): Hampshire have scored 298 runs for one wicket against Sussex.

HAMPSHIRE: First innings  
V P Terry not out 130  
C L Smith c Salisbury b Pigott 148  
R L Smith not out 16  
Extras (lb 5, w 2) 7  
Total (1 wk, 88 overs) 298

Gloucestershire v Warwick  
SWANSEA (Gloucestershire won toss): Gloucestershire have scored 149 runs for one wicket against Warwick.

GLoucestershire: First innings  
A R Butler c Warwick b Donald 8  
H Morris c Warwick b Donald 8  
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Devon have six players on dual registration with first-class sides, including four with Somerset, a sound reflection of their production line under the watchful eyes of Hiley Edwards, the captain, and Nick Folland. Despite a lowly position last summer, Wiltshire played in a positive way and Matthew Holland, aged 19, a left-arm spinner, is their player to watch.

### Ward imperious as Kent prosper

By RICHARD STREETON

FOLKESTONE (Kent won toss): Kent have scored 240 runs for one wicket against Essex.

WRETCHEDED conditions were strangled by Mark Benson and Trevor Ward yesterday as they laid the foundation for a large Kent total and completely unimpaired spectators for rain interruptions, poor light and a chilly wind.

Benson, the Kent captain, has already made 257 against Hampshire and 96 against Surrey in his only first-class innings this season. His approach for long periods yesterday was often muted and, after tea, Ward stroked ahead of him. It was an invaluable effort by Benson, though, marked by good-looking strokes through the covers and it was completely chanceless.

Ward never failed to punish anything loose from the start, looking and cutting more frequently than many young players. In the final period he became more and more assertive, driving impressively with a full flourish of the bat. His only error was a hard chance at second slip off Topley. When he reached three figures, he had scored 102 out of 161 in

48 overs. Benson, who had a 24-over start, was then 80. Essex could be forgiven for some occasionally untidy work, though only one catch was missed. They included two spinners in Childs and Such but the majority of the bowling was done by their seamers. Fringle looked the best of them.

Rain delayed the start for 90 minutes and again cost half-an-hour either side of lunch. Taylor looked full of confidence as he helped Benson to launch the innings with a stand of 54 before Fringle steered a catch against Pringle that was taken by Garman as he dived across first slip. By tea Kent were 113 from 45 overs before the tempo quickened. Benson was the first to reach his half-century, needing 152 balls against Ward's 90. As Ward unleashed his strokes, the light worsened but it did not deter him from lifting Topley for a spectacular, straight six.

When day light brought the close five minutes early, the unfinished second-wicket stand had lasted three hours and was worth 182 in 55 overs. Ward's 113 included a six and 15 fours and he faced 164 balls. Benson hit nine fours and faced 246 balls.

### Sponsorship ban to go

WELLINGTON (AFP) — The New Zealand government will change the law of the land to allow 11 games in next year's World Cup to be staged here.

Jim Bolger, the prime minister, who has been heavily criticised for allegedly endangering New Zealand's chances of staging part of the one-day tournament, announced yesterday that a bill would be introduced allowing a tobacco company to sponsor the event.

Without an exemption to a legal ban on tobacco sponsorship, the New Zealand cricket authorities said all the games would have to be played in Australia.

It was after the ruling National Party had promised to scrap the law banning tobacco sponsorship and advertising that the governing body, signed an agreement with the Australian Cricket Board to act as joint hosts.

### Hounslow putting faith in Swayne

From SYDNEY FRISKIN IN THE HAGUE

FREDDIE Martin, Hounslow's Northern Ireland coach, had no illusions about his team's task when it arrived here yesterday for the European club championship, which starts today.

"I regard the opening match against Royal Rasmussen, of Belgium, as likely to be our toughest," he said. "We cannot afford to make mistakes and we must not only win but also win comfortably."

"We shall obviously miss Andy Ferris, who was unable to come, and his place at left half will be taken by Guy Swayne, who will have the job of marking Sven Meinhardt when we play Uhlenhorst, the German holders, on the following day."

"I am not too worried about Uhlenhorst. I know that Fischer will dictate the match from the back but we have our answers ready."

"If things are not going well I

shall soon get the message," Martin added. Hounslow's third match in the pool will be against Kothener, an east German club that won the B division championship last year and earned promotion.

In 1973 Hounslow were ninth in this event and finished in the same position the following year.

But last year they tasted success by winning the inaugural Cup Winners' Cup final at Frankfurt and good British performances abroad in recent times have left them with every hope of another triumph here.

All the same, the odds must be in favour of Uhlenhorst, who are hoping to make it four in a row.

HOUNSLOW SQUAD: R. Ferris, R. Bennett, M. Williams, S. Hault, J. Potter (captain), G. Mackenzie, A. Thompson, R. Thompson, J. Ross, P. Sweeney, M. Alcock, G. Swayne, M. Ross, N. Gordon, D. Hacker.

### Pahang pay for slack marking of Merlos

By JOHN WATSON

AFICIONADOS were saying that the No. 1 ground at Smith's Lawn, Windsor Great Park, had never looked smoother or more resplendent than it did yesterday when the Guards Club staged the high-goal match for the FTT Sheraton and American Airlines Trophy.

Played over six chukkas, in wet and bitterly cold conditions, this was between Prince Tengku Mahkota's Royal Pahang and Geoffrey Kent's Windsor Park, who won 7-3.

Both sides were playing their Queen's Cup tournament line ups, Pahang being power-based on the Argentine Caset brothers, Marcello and Guillermo, and Windsor on the nine-goal Argentine, Fite Merlos, and Oliver Ellis, of Cowdroy Park.

Merlos, brilliantly mounted by Kent, was the quickest man on the ground. He opened the account with a 60-yard penalty conversion and, by the end of

the second chukka, the score was 3-0. It was clear by then, too, that Windsor had their team work better rehearsed and coordinated than Pahang.

Given two good penalty shots by Marcello Caset, Pahang trailed by only one goal at half-time, but, in the fourth chukka, Kent made two long gallops to put the ball between the Pahang post again and to put Windsor in the comfortable lead which they then never lost.

Pahang's failure lay partly in their inability to mark Merlos properly and also in the inaccuracy of the Caset brothers in goal shooting.

The tournament for the Queen's Cup commences at Smith's Lawn at 3pm today.

WINDSOR PARK: G Kent (4), 2 O Ellis (4), P Merlos (3), B Kent (The Prince of Wales).

ROYAL PAHANG: 1 Prince Tengku Mahkota (3), 2 G Caset (3), 3 M Caset (3), 4 R Matthews (3).

### CRICKET

Tour match  
11.00  
WORCESTERS: Worcestershire v West Indians.

Britannic Assurance county championship  
11.00, 110 overs minimum

FOLKESTONE: Kent v Essex.

HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire.

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Leicestershire.

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Derbyshire.

SWANSEA: Glamorgan v Warwickshire.

Other matches  
11.30 to 6.30  
FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Middlesex.

### THE PARKS: Oxford University v Gloucestershire

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Bristol Gloucestershire v Worcestershire. Chatterfield Derbyshire v Lancashire. Headingley: Lancashire v Hampshire. Headingley: Warwickshire v Glamorgan. The Oval: Surrey v Kent. Trent Bridge: Nottinghamshire v Yorkshire.

### FOOTBALL

Semi-professional international

England v Wales (at Stafford, 7.30)

PONTING CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: West Bromwich v Grimsby (7.00)

### OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Bobson Trophy (Worcestershire).

POLO: Gerald Belding Cup (Gloucestershire).

POLO: BMW Prince of Wales Trophy (POCC, Warwickshire).

POLO: Queen's Cup (Gloucestershire).

CYCLING: Scottish Provincial League (city centre: Third round (Bradford, 7.00)

### Denis Tingay's suggestion for a sporting day out

MOTOR RACING: World sports car championship: After undergoing a track redevelopment programme over the winter, Silverstone stages the third round of the FIA sports car world championship on Sunday, with the Castrol BRDC Empire trophy.

After overcoming mechanical problems during the first round, Jaguar found form in the second at Monza, achieving a one-two and encountering no serious challenge from Mercedes, who lead the championship, and the up-and-coming Peugeot Talbot team.

Jaguar, with Derek Warwick leading, their attempt, will be eager for a win on British soil, especially with the 24-hour Le Mans race as the next round.

The race starts at 2pm. Five support races will be staged, with the Mazda MX-6 UK Cup tomorrow and the Porsche Supercup, Formula Vauxhall Lotus, Dunlop Rover GTI and Esso super-tube season car championships on Sunday.

EVENT DETAILS: Admission fees are £10 tomorrow and £15 Sunday, with accompanied children under 15 years admitted free. The organisers have geared the event toward a family day out, with a free crèche and plenty of children's activity. Ample parking and refreshment will be available. The Silverstone circuit is on the A43 between Oxford and Northampton and signposted from junction 15 of the M1.

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FOOTBALL

# Contrasting styles battle to move into the top flight

By LOUISE TAYLOR

AT BEST, the second division play-offs could result in a final filled with flowing football, spiced by a sub-plot brimming over with human interest, and echoing to the applause of two sets of fanatical supporters.

At worst, a lukewarm Wembley would be bored by a barrage of long balls, with the quality of next season's first division diminished. It all depends on whether Middlesbrough and Millwall can overcome Notts County and Brighton in the semi-finals.

The first legs are on Sunday when Millwall, managed by Bruce Rioch, who until a little over a year ago was in charge of Middlesbrough, travel to the south coast, while the Teessiders entertain County.

The Nottingham side will arrive on the back of seven

straight wins, but they must contend with a team buoyed by the memories of defeating Chelsea in the play-offs to claim a first division place three years ago.

That was after Rioch had raised them from the dead. Five years ago, Middlesbrough was in liquidation, the official receiver had locked the gates of Ayresome Park, and the team played its first home match of the season at Hartlepool.

Many would have abandoned the cause, but Rioch continued to train the players on borrowed grounds, for no pay. His optimism was rewarded when a consortium of local businessmen intervened, and the rise from the third to the first division began.

Disagreements with the

chairman prompted Rioch's dismissal, and his former assistant and successor, Colin Todd, has brought in a few new faces, such as Hendrie, and Mustoe. But the nucleus of the team that beat Chelsea the likes of Mowbray, Slaven and Cooper - remain.

Inclined to make six passes when one would do, Middlesbrough are frequently pretty to watch while failing to win. Obviously, Yates and Short, County's probably represent the division's best central defensive partnership. Yet the pace of Hendrie and Ripley on the flanks could expose a vulnerability, of Paris in particular, at full back.

As Todd said: "Physically they are a tough side, but in football terms we are streets ahead." That may be so, but in Neil Warnock, the visitors boast a manager whose achievements in hoisting Scarborough into the League, before last year lifting County out of the third division via the play-offs, suggest that he has turned pragmatism into an art form.

## Bolton attempt to step up one

By KEITH BLACKMORE

SUCCESS in the play-offs can go a long way. Last year, Cambridge United squeezed into the fourth division play-offs but reached the final at Wembley and beat Chester City to win promotion to the third division.

This year, with virtually the same team, they won the third division championship and a place in the second division.

Bolton Wanderers and Tranmere Rovers would no doubt like to join them but will wish for better luck this year than last. They met in the third division semi-finals last year, Tranmere going through but eventually losing to Notts County. This time they cannot meet until the final. Bolton should win, but they have the ability to rise to an occasion, as shown by their last League result of the season, a vital 2-1 win against Tranmere, at Prenton Park.

Tranmere play Brentford, whom they beat 2-0 at Griffin Park two weeks ago. Tranmere should win, but Brentford may complete a memorable first

season for their manager, Phil Holder, if Keith Jones can inspire them from midfield. Whichever side advances should win at Wembley too.

The favourites from the fourth division are Blackpool, who, despite a recent drop from second place into the play-offs, they should have no difficulty with Scunthorpe United, who gave a dismal display against Stockport County on the last day of the season.

The other semi-final should be closer. Barnsley never established themselves among the leaders, unlike Torquay United who led the division by eight points in October.

PLAY-OFFS: Third division: Sunday, May 18: Bolton Wanderers v Brentford; Torquay United v Blackpool; Saturday, May 19: Scunthorpe United v Stockport County; First (Monday): Friday, May 21.

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## Blow for Premier League

By PETER BALL

THE credibility of the Football Association's proposed breakaway Premier League suffered a damaging blow yesterday when it emerged that there are serious divisions within the FA hierarchy over its structure. Bert Millichip, the chairman, and Graham Kelly, the chief executive, disagree fundamentally on its format.

When the league was first outlined last month, Kelly said that a main purpose of the breakaway was to cut back to 18 clubs to help the England team by reducing the amount of football. Clubs who attended a meeting with the FA last week, however, came away with the

impression that the number of clubs was negotiable.

When that was put to him subsequently, Kelly reiterated that a reduction to 18 clubs was fundamental. "The whole thing is geared to cutting back to 18 clubs. There is no way that it will stay at 22."

Millichip, however, yesterday confirmed that he had told the clubs that the number was in their hands, and that a 22-club league would be acceptable to the FA. "The clubs will decide," the FA chairman insisted.

"The matter is open for negotiations. The clubs will have a meeting to talk about it and then tell us what they want."

It is one of a number of areas which are capable of negotiation.

The disagreement over such a fundamental part of the league's structure, however, throws the whole idea of the breakaway into question, raising suspicions that the FA's stated aim to help Graham Taylor and the England team was less important than the continuing power battle with the Football League, fuelled in some cases by personal rivalry.

That conclusion was drawn by several clubs attending the FA meeting last week. "They seemed quite happy about 22 clubs," one chief executive said.

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Generation gap bridged: Ferguson (left) and Busby show off the trophy they helped win for Manchester United

## Gascoigne should heed the signpost put up by Hughes

By DAVID MILLER

THE two goals with which Mark Hughes opened a new chapter in Manchester United's international album - for too long static - and thereby assured that England would have four clubs in European competition next season, could be a signpost for Paul Gascoigne. Lazio could look a decidedly dead-end destination for his next season, when Arsenal, Liverpool and Spurs or Nottingham Forest are busy making headlines.

Hughes is one of those British players who has discovered it can be no more difficult to be happy and adjusted to foreign (relative) financial limitations at home, rather than get holed up in some alien, discordant foreign city. There is more to life than the money being dangled in front of Gascoigne by Mel Stein, his solicitor/agent, who has told us five times too often that "it's up to Paul". Gascoigne and his sugar-uncle should note Manchester United's message from Rotterdam: English football is anything but finished.

I owe an apology, unsolicited, to Alex Ferguson and his team, and also to ITV. I had thought Manchester United capable of the occasional one-off performance, such as that which put six

at Barcelona and worse elsewhere. Barcelona's forward line of Kubala, Kochis, Evaristo, Suarez, and Cazorla, revealed that even when fouled - he does not lose his presence of mind and sense of direction.

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### RUGBY LEAGUE

## Dispute places Offiah in limbo

By KEITH MACKLIN

MARTIN Offiah, the No. 1 wing in Great Britain and probably the world, is in dispute with his club, Widnes, who are blocking his opportunity to play for Sydney St George during the summer.

Widnes have asked St George to pay an extra premium of £2,000 a season. Offiah, who has been injured, but St George have contested the request.

Offiah, who has asked for a transfer from Widnes and had the request rejected, has apparently told the club that he will never play for them again, and is now officially in dispute with Widnes, which has informed the Rugby Football League of the situation.

So long as Offiah is officially in dispute with his club, his career is in limbo, since he cannot be considered for a place in the Great Britain side.

Enraptured Widnes is also seeking compensation from Leeds for coach Doug Laughton, who this week signed for the Headingley club on a three-year contract, but whose contract at Naughton Park had 13 months left to run. Widnes has already written to Leeds complaining of their alleged "unprofessional conduct" in negotiating in secret with Laughton while he was still under contract.

Laughton, who was in his second five-year association with Widnes, has said that it is not his intention to attempt to lure Offiah to Headingley, but Leeds and Wigan are known to be interested in the wing who has topped the try-scoring list for the past four seasons, and reached 49 for this season with a try for Widnes against Hull in the premiership final at Old Trafford.

If the present deadlock continues it would seem likely that Offiah's premiership final try could be the last he will score for the club which brought him north from Rosslyn Park and named him into a world class player - under the coaching of Laughton.

### HOCKEY

## Sutton go into the unknown

By ALIX RAMSEY

FIVE of the England side that won the European Cup last Sunday will attempt this weekend to do the same for their clubs as Sutton Coldfield play Rhythm Grodno in the European Cup Winners' Cup final and Slough play in the B division of the European Clubs' championship.

Sutton know little about the Soviet side, Wassenaar, but, unbeaten since Christmas, they are confident that they can lift themselves above the mire of the biggest event the club has ever played in.

Slough will this weekend try to earn promotion to the A division of the clubs championship. They must beat the Swedish side, IF Vindenspolkarn, Meteor Cseke Budejovice, from Czechoslovakia and CUS Cantania, from Italy.

### GOLF

## Minnesota go ahead

IN THE first game of the best-of-seven Stanley Cup final ice hockey series, Minnesota North Stars beat Pittsburgh Penguins in Pittsburgh, 5-4, withstanding fierce pressure from the home side in the closing minutes.

Pittsburgh scored first through Samuelsson in the fourth minute, but Boston equalised three minutes later and the North Stars were never again behind.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES: Association has announced that Delhi will bid for the 1998 Commonwealth Games.

SWIMMING: Gateshead has agreed to stage the inaugural European sprint championships on December 6 and 7 following the withdrawal of the intended hosts, Iglo in Yugoslavia.

TENNIS: The 1991 junior Wightman Cup challenge, officially known as the Maureen Connolly international team competition, will be staged in Cardiff in December, for the second time in three years.

VOLLEYBALL: The success of last year's inaugural World League has led to the prize fund for this year's event - which begins tonight when Korea face the Soviet Union in Seoul, the United States open their account against Japan in Los Angeles and Cuba beat the Netherlands in Havana - being doubled to \$2 million. An increase from eight to ten nations has been approved for this year with Cuba, runners-up in the last world championships, and Canada added to the list.

YACHTING: A record entry of 60 yachts will set off today from Oban for the most gruelling and arduous yacht and bill event in the world: the Braithwaite Islands Peaks Race. The competition requires skippers to sail 150 miles off the west coast of Scotland while two runners from each vessel complete the equivalent of three marathons and climb 11,500 feet.

### GOLF

## Richardson makes poor impression

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

STEVEN Richardson played an inauspicious debut of the US Tour as he struggled with his putting during a three-over par 75 in the first round of the Memorial tournament on a hot, breezy morning here yesterday.

The Englishman aged 24, who played in a three-round invitational and the 1983 US PGA championship, Hal Sutton, had just one birdie to go with four bogeys on the immaculate but demanding Muirfield course.

This left Richardson, the European order of merit leader, seven strokes behind the early pace-setters, Bob Tway, David Frost and Jay Don Blake, all of whom were four under the card on their third round.

"It isn't okay but I didn't hole any putts. Obviously I'm disappointed but it's quite a tough course and hopefully I'll be doing better tomorrow," Richardson, who claimed he had been excited but not particularly nervous about playing with Nicklaus, said.

Although Richardson made a far from impressive start he fared much better than the British amateur champion, Rolf Munz, who carded a dismal 12-over 84, the worst score among the early finishers.

EARLY SCORES: US Open invited list: 1. Tom K. Gwin, 71; 2. J. Napper, 69; 3. S. Wadkins, 71; 4. N. Harris, 68; 5. L. D. Doyle, 69; 6. J. Elzaine, 69; 7. J. Elzaine, 69; 8. J. Elzaine, 69; 9. J. Elzaine, 69; 10. J. Elzaine, 69; 11. J. Elzaine, 69; 12. J. Elzaine, 69; 13. J. Elzaine, 69; 14. J. Elzaine, 69; 15. J. Elzaine, 69; 16. J. Elzaine, 69; 17. J. Elzaine, 69; 18. J. Elzaine, 69; 19. J. Elzaine, 69; 20. J. Elzaine, 69; 21. J. Elzaine, 69; 22. J. Elzaine, 69; 23. J. Elzaine, 69; 24. J. Elzaine, 69; 25. J. Elzaine, 69; 26. J. Elzaine, 69; 27. J. Elzaine, 69; 28. J. Elzaine, 69; 29. J. Elzaine, 69; 30. J. Elzaine, 69; 31. J. Elzaine, 69; 32. J. Elzaine, 69; 33. J. Elzaine, 69; 34. J. Elzaine, 69; 35. J. Elzaine, 69; 36. J. Elzaine, 69; 37. J. Elzaine, 69; 38. J. Elzaine, 69; 39. J. Elzaine, 69; 40. J. Elzaine, 69; 41. J. Elzaine, 69; 42. J. Elzaine, 69; 43. J. Elzaine, 69; 44. J. Elzaine, 69; 45. J. Elzaine, 69; 46. J. Elzaine, 69; 47. J. Elzaine, 69; 48. J. Elzaine, 69; 49. J. 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Thames watermen: the six contesting the Wingfield Sculls pull away from the start at Putney yesterday, with Pooley, the eventual winner, closest to the camera

## Cambridge man comes in first

By Mike Rosewell, Rowing Correspondent

GUY Pooley, of Cambridge University, became the amateur sculling champion yesterday in one of the best Wingfield Sculls contests seen for many years over the Putney to Mortlake course.

Pooley, drawn on the unfavourable Middlesex station in the six-man race, was left a trailing third in the first mile as Wade Hall-Craggs (Tideway Scullers) and the reigning champion, Rosie Henderson (Imperial College), battled for the lead in rough water. Hall-Craggs passed the mile (4min 32sec) half a length ahead of Henderson with Pooley two lengths adrift, but Pooley was rating two strokes lower and looked controlled.

Henderson spurred just before Hammersmith and, after a clash of skulls, took the lead at the bridge (8min 13sec) while Pooley seemed content to let the leaders battle.

Approaching Chiswick Eyot, Pooley took a better line, raised the rate, and attacked hard. He passed Hall-Craggs along the

eyot and then a faltering Henderson at the crossing after Chiswick Steps.

From the bandstand, Pooley moved away. He led by nine seconds at Barnes Bridge (16min 59sec) and eight seconds at the finish, and experienced that winning feeling which has been denied him in the last four Boat Races under Cambridge colours. "At least Cambridge got there first this time," he said to the Cambridge coach, Mark Lees.

Pooley, in company with Henderson, Hall-Craggs and Pollock, who followed him home, has international sculling representation in mind, and, in an unusually tight championship, all showed good form. Jim Gorman (Kingston), still recovering from a viral infection, dropped out just after Hammersmith and Edwin Clark (Star) was overtaken by the launches but still finished.

RESULTS: 1. G Pooley (Cambridge University), 20min 25sec; 2. R Henderson (Imperial College), 22min 30sec; 3. W Hall-Craggs (Tideway Scullers), 23min 45sec; 4. M Pollock (Chiswick), 24min 15sec; 5. E Clark (Star), 25min 15sec; 6. J Gorman (Kingston), 26min 15sec.

## Lineker declines comment

GARY Lineker yesterday declined to respond to reports that he has been put up for sale by Tottenham Hotspur as the club seeks to repay debts of £20 million.

The England captain has decided not to comment until after the FA Cup final against Nottingham Forest tomorrow but he is believed to be dismayed that the proposed sale should have been made public at such a delicate time.

Lineker has said that he would like to finish his career at White Hart Lane and his agent, Jon Holmes, said yesterday: "We have decided to say nothing until after the Cup Final."

Lineker would be reluctant to upset his side's preparations for the final by becoming involved in a public slanging match with his club but he does not appear to have been consulted about any transfer. Earlier in the season, he said: "I am under contract and if I don't want to go, I don't go."

Paul Gascoigne, Tottenham's other leading player, has been linked with a £7.9 million move to the Italian club, Lazio, and this week his agent, Mel Stein, confirmed that a contract was waiting for Gascoigne's acceptance.

Meanwhile, Terry Venables, the manager of Tottenham, has been trying to buy control of the club. But time is running out for the Tottenham manager, who has vowed that if he can take charge then both Lineker and Gascoigne will stay.

Robson is candidate for assistant manager's post at Old Trafford

## Ferguson will be urged to renew his contract

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

ALEX Ferguson, who will be urged to renew his contract by Manchester United's chairman, intends to respond by winning the English championship. Even amid the emotional euphoria of the club's victory in the European Cup Winners' Cup final in Rotterdam on Wednesday night, his vision remained clear and unimpaired.

"Now I want to have a real go at the League," he said. "I don't mind if it becomes a battle between the Scottish managers as long as United end up on top." He was referring to his fellow countrymen, George Graham, of Arsenal, and Graeme Souness, of Liverpool.

The trio have already indicated where their priorities lie. They mutually agreed that all of their English repre-

sentatives should be withdrawn from the forthcoming tour of Australia, New Zealand and Malaysia so that their respective teams will be able to start afresh in August.

Ferguson is unlikely to make extensive alterations, except to bring in Konchelsis. The Soviet Union import, whose natural position is on the right side of midfield, promises to act as a natural balance for Sharpe on the left. Other possible changes remain a matter of conjecture.

Southall, if he can be persuaded to leave Everton, and perhaps Platt, if he can be lured from Aston Villa, are potentially attractive acquisitions who could transform United. Although they carry the most powerful of knock out punches, they remain too inconsistent to be genuine title contenders.

In eliminating Arsenal and

Liverpool from the Rumbeles Cup, they confirmed that they can more than match the best in England. In convincingly beating Montpellier, Legia Warsaw and Barcelona, their victims in the later stages of the Cup Winners' Cup, they enhanced their stature on the continent as well.

Martin Edwards, the United chairman, paid tribute to the one that won the European Cup in 1968. The team has a long way to go because the average age is only 26.

"He came in when we needed change in 1986 and, like the players he brought in, he took time to settle. With two trophies in two years, he has now established himself

and I hope he stays at Old Trafford for a very long time. I've told him that now is the time to sit down and talk about a new contract."

Edwards indicated that Bryan Robson, whose career entered a golden twilight in the Feyenoord stadium, could be promoted before the start of next season. The sudden departure of Archie Knox, Ferguson's assistant, has left a gap and discussions are to take place during the summer. The 34-year-old captain is considered the prime candidate.

United and their supporters could also receive recognition for their behaviour in Rotterdam. Antonio Matarrese, the president of the Italian Football Federation and a member of Uefa's executive committee, recommended before the final that a fair play award should be offered each season. Later, to general approval, he suggested that it should go to the representatives of Manchester.

Lennart Johansson, the president of Uefa, added his praise for the conduct of United's players and their followers. The leader of the movement to lift the European ban said: "This proves that I was right about allowing English clubs back into Europe."

Bert Millichip, the chairman of the Football Association, revelled in the convivial atmosphere. "English football has stepped back into the sunshine," he said. "We've been in a dark tunnel for a long time and at times we couldn't see the light at the end of it."

"We came to one of the highest risk cities in Europe but there has been no trouble. The fans behaved themselves magnificently."

"This success in our first year back proves not only how good English football is but, with four teams in Europe next year, it will help us to establish more quickly the position of strength we enjoyed before Heysel in 1985."

## W Indians give Hick much to contemplate

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

WORCESTER (second day of three): Worcestershire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 373 runs behind the West Indians.

IN THEIR familiarly chilling style, the West Indians yesterday set about dismissing the unexploded weapon freely brandished, by England cricket supporters, as a reason to be cheerful about the summer's imminent ordeal.

Graeme Hick may not be entirely unknown to Vivian Richards and his players, but his availability is the closest England can claim to a psychological advantage. Yesterday, as he awaited confirmation of his inclusion in Graham Gooch's plans, Hick was given notice of the greeting he can expect from the opposition.

He faced 29 balls in grim light and occasional drizzle before the second day of the touring team's opening first-class match surrendered to the weather. Of his three scoring strokes two were involuntary and the third, cover-driven for two as he was given a chance to play off the front foot, brought rapturous applause from a crowd more nervous for Hick than he was for

himself. Coming from the West Indians, such treatment is the sincerest form of flattery. It was a softening-up routine they reserve only for the respected and Hick, although needing his share of fortune when the rampaging Patterson hit him on shoulder and helmet, will not have fallen in their estimation for surviving it.

These were not the conditions he would have chosen for his first duel with the men who aim to make his life a misery. He would have been helped, not only by better weather but by the prior reassurance that he will indeed make his England debut, on his 25th birthday, at Edgbaston next Thursday.

Sadly, the selectors are making a five-course meal out of the season's appetizer and will not announce their party until later today. So, with Micky Stewart watching from the club chairman's box, Hick went in to face the third over of Worcestershire's reply to Richards' declaration at 409 for seven.

Gordon Lord was the man out, half-forward to Patterson when the ball flew off the outside edge low to Hooper at second slip. Hick was out of

the pavilion at less of a sprint than usual and his initial prod of the pitch, closer to Patterson's end than his own, suggested he knew what was to come. The first ball was duly short, quick and fended off glove and shoulder for a relieved single. An inside edge followed against Allen and some attentive defence carried him through the first of the many examinations of technique and courage he must expect. Almost unnoticed, but far from unimpressively, Tim Curtis hit five fours.

WEST INDIES: First Innings  
C G Greenidge c Lampitt b Bortham 26  
P V Simmons c Lampitt b Bortham 134  
R B Richardson c Marsh b Bortham 6  
S C Lara b Newport 26  
T V A Richards c Marsh b Newport 131  
C L Hooper c Marsh b Bortham 62  
R J L Clayton c Bortham b Day 30  
M A G Anthony not out 3  
Extras (b 1, b 4, nb 0) 11  
Total (7 wickets) 409  
18 A Adam, C A Walsh and B P Patterson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-54, 276, 349, 427, 534, 536, 740.  
BOWLING: Day 1: 24-68: Bortham 29-5; 35-2: Newport 21-10; 10-2: Lampitt 17-61; 0: Greenidge 15-42-1.  
WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings  
T S Curtis not out 30  
G J Lord c Hooper b Patterson 4  
G A Hick not out 4  
Extras (b 1) 1  
Total (7 wickets) 36  
T M Moody, P A Nisale, I T Bortham, T S Bortham, R B Richardson, J Marsh, G R Day and S R Lampitt to bat.  
FALL OF WICKET: 1-15.  
Umpires: J H Hampshire and K E Palmer.

## Major hails United's win

By John Goodbody

JOHN Major, the prime minister, yesterday praised Manchester United and their supporters in the House of Commons for their performance in the European Cup Winners' Cup final in Rotterdam.

Earlier, he had sent a message to Alex Ferguson, the United manager, congratulating him on the team's success.

He said that it was "an excellent example" and he hoped to see it "followed by British teams throughout Europe when they lift, I hope, a number of trophies next year."

The final was the first in which an English club had participated following the lifting of the five-year ban imposed after the 1985 European Cup final at the Heysel stadium, when 39 Juventus supporters were killed. Despite widespread fears of trouble, which caused 1,000 police and 600 security guards to be deployed, the Dutch police and civic authorities praised the behaviour of the United supporters.

A total of 25 people were arrested, only five of them United supporters, who were

estimated at numbering almost 20,000. Rob Hessing, Rotterdam's Chief Constable, said that his officers would not mind if United came back every week.

Ferguson said: "There was this general fear about them travelling here, which gathered a lot of momentum through the media. But I never had any worries that they would be anything but a credit to the club. They were not going to spoil our party and I am proud of them."

Dr Abraham Peper, the Rotterdam mayor, who had threatened to cancel the game if trouble erupted, said: "I am extremely satisfied about the whole operation. The Manchester United supporters have been marvellous."

At Manchester airport yesterday, Alex Ferguson and the team paraded the cup on their return watched by a crowd of more than 1,000.

Lineker, Peter Shilton and David Gower, originally discussed the possibility of running the Tottenham pool with both Lineker and Gary Mabbutt, the club captain.

When the squad, seven of whom, including Terry Fenwick, Steve Sedgley and Paul Walsh, are individually represented by Hall, discussed the choice of agent, there was the feeling that Hall might withdraw his players from the pool if he were not appointed. Hall, however, denies any threat was made. Holmes, meanwhile, opted out of the competition. "I did not think it was my scene," he said.

Although Hall believes four or five other agents were considered by the squad, he was supported by the majority of players. "It was a democratic vote," he said, pointing out that his players did not form a majority of the Tottenham professional staff of more than 30 players, whom he believed cast the crucial votes. In fact, only the first team squad of 17 players was polled and the final vote was: Hall 9; any other agent, 8.

Yet, the number of players for whom Hall is the agent does not seem to influence the players. He acted for Crystal Palace in last year's final when he was only the agent for a single player. Now he represents

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## Fiorio pays penalty in Ferrari upheaval

By Norman Howell

FERRARI yesterday dismissed Cesare Fiorio, their embattled team manager, after a tempestuous meeting of the team's board in Maranello, Italy, on Tuesday. The surprise announcement was issued at Magny Cours, the French circuit where the Italians have been testing after the Monaco Grand Prix.

Fiorio will be replaced by a three-man committee made up of Piero Ferrari, the son of the late Enzo Ferrari, Claudio Lombardi and Marco Piccinini. The Ferrari move was instigated by the team's president, Piero Fusero, who has long been at daggers drawn with Fiorio.

Alain Prost, the three times world champion who joined the team last year, has also been in conflict with Fiorio. The Frenchman always felt that his team manager did not know enough about Formula 1 to combat the might of McLaren and Honda, and frequently criticised him, often through the pages of the French sporting press. On hearing the news, Al Prost would say: "I still believe in Ferrari's potential."

The sacking of Fiorio is also the result of internecine squabbling within Ferrari, and Fiat, whose men, since the takeover, have been placed within the Ferrari hierarchy.

## Tyson's camp postpones Ruddock bout

NEW YORK (Reuters) - The Mike Tyson-Donovan Ruddock bout scheduled for next month has been postponed to allow Tyson to box the undisputed heavyweight champion, Evander Holyfield, Joe Safely, a spokesman for Don King, Tyson's promoter, said yesterday.

Safely would not comment further. But Holyfield's promoter, Dan Duva, said there is no deal yet. "I don't know what King's talking about," Duva said. "There is no Holyfield-Tyson fight yet. There have been no negotiations, no discussions. It's obvious Tyson pulled out of the Ruddock fight. He wants to fight for the title."

## The grafter who mops up the Cup Final gravy

By John Goodbody

ERIC Hall is a fixture at FA Cup finals. An agent to more than 30 footballers, he is the kind of man the players employ when they want a lucrative pool. In advance of the Final tomorrow, he has been trying to persuade the media and sponsors to pay for interviews, photographs, filming and promotion of the Tottenham Hotspur players.

This has become a routine pre-Cup Final manoeuvre and, in a successful year with a high-profile team, could allow the players to share about £80,000; Nottingham Forest, a less glamorous club, would not expect to make more than £60,000. Two weeks ago, *The Times* was asked for £500 for access to Manchester United before the European Cup Winners' Cup final. This request came from an associate of Ambrose Mendy, who is in jail serving a two-and-a-half year sentence for conspiracy to defraud.

Hall had to defeat some heavy competition to represent Tottenham's players, despite his reputation for having successfully negotiated the players' pools at seven or eight previous Finals - he cannot remember exactly how many - but certainly including both Liverpool and Everton in the same year.

Jon Holmes, the agent for Gary

Lineker, Peter Shilton and David Gower, originally discussed the possibility of running the Tottenham pool with both Lineker and Gary Mabbutt, the club captain.

When the squad, seven of whom, including Terry Fenwick, Steve Sedgley and Paul Walsh, are individually represented by Hall, discussed the choice of agent, there was the feeling that Hall might withdraw his players from the pool if he were not appointed. Hall, however, denies any threat was made. Holmes, meanwhile, opted out of the competition. "I did not think it was my scene," he said.

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three players at the south London club. He attributes his success in attracting both individuals and players' pools to "word of mouth" and his "track record". He also represented the Sheffield Wednesday squad at the Rumbeles Cup final. Hall takes 20 per cent of the revenue from off-the-field activities and a fixed fee for transfers.

Hall's dealings with FA Cup final pools have brought embarrassment. On Tuesday, Tottenham invited the media to its open day but when journalists, whose newspapers such as *The Times* had not subscribed to the pool, arrived at the

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With Wimbledon, for whom Hall organised the players' pool for the 1988 FA Cup final and then subsequently negotiated the transfers of Dave Beasant and Andy Thorn to Newcastle, relations were initially fractious.

Sam Hamman, the club chairman, had told him that he would spread like a "cancer" through the club, Hall recalled. "But we are actually friends now."

Hall, aged 47, came into football from show business and claims to have discovered the rock groups Queen and Cockney Rebel. A chance meeting with Steve Perryman, the former Tottenham player and now manager of Watford, persuaded him that there were opportunities in football.

Hall is not dispassionate about the FA Cup final. "I pray to God that Tottenham win. I love that man Terry Venables." However, he will not permit himself a holiday as a celebration. He has not had one for 20 years.

"I cannot relax. This is why I hate weekends." If his phone does not ring for half an hour, he checks with the operator to see if there is a fault. "I just like grafting."

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